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## City buys 180-acre parcel for new business park

by PAT MULVANEY  
Editor

The Sparta City Council voted unanimously to purchase a 180-acre parcel on Sparta's south side for its new business park. In closed session, alderman agreed to pay \$13,000 an acre, which comes to \$2.34 million for the entire site located on the east side of Highway 27, south of

Interstate 90. The city purchased the land from Dave Evenson, who is the developer of Aspen Fields and River Trail Estates on Sparta's west side. The sale is contingent upon results of soil borings and archeological and endangered species studies required by the Department of Natural Resources. The property is currently farm

fields and forest land. "We need to make sure we can develop it and there are no issues," said Sparta Co-City Administrator Todd Fahning. He also noted the city has yet to craft a plan to finance the purchase, and there isn't a set timeline for the project. "I don't know how long it will take," he said. However, he indicated the site

will be developed in increments. The city purchased the land because its East Side Business Park has only 40-acres of vacant land remaining, which consists of smaller parcels under 12-acres. Some of those parcels have wetlands, making them even less desirable. Fahning said the lack of larger parcels that could accommodate a manufacturing firm puts the

city at a disadvantage to other surrounding communities. The land's proximity to the Interstate also makes it attractive, noted Fahning. "We need to plan for this because there is really no other place with Interstate access," he said. If contingencies are all met, the city council will make an official offer to purchase the land at a future meeting.



Dr. Ted Thompson and Nurse Practitioner Barb Stafslieen pictured in one of the three exam rooms at Neighborhood Family Clinics new facility in Sparta. The clinic, which offers "accessible and affordable" health care, is located on the corner of South Water and Oak streets.

## Sparta has a new option for health care

Neighborhood Family Clinics uses an old model to offer modern care

by PAT MULVANEY  
Editor

The saying everything old is new again could apply to the Neighborhood Family Clinic in Sparta. The new medical care facility located on the corner of South Water and Oak streets dispenses modern medical care but its business model is more like Grandpa's era. Low overhead and the absence of insurance companies and administrative boards allows the clinic to charge a fraction of what big clinics charge for the same services. It all starts with a \$39 office visit. After that, patients can choose from a menu of

services, such as labs, x-rays and EKGs, each separately priced. Barb Stafslieen, a nurse practitioner who is the principal care provider at the Sparta clinic, says the structure of most health insurance plans makes the clinic attractive to a majority of people. "A lot of the deductibles are preventing people from going to their primary providers so here it's an à la carte menu," Stafslieen said. "We do not bill insurance. It's all cash or credit." Dr. Ted Thompson, a family practitioner who has worked for the major clinics in the area during his lengthy career, four years ago founded the Neighborhood Family Clinics,

which has facilities in La Crosse, Winona and Viroqua along with the newest in Sparta. The clinics duplicate a model implemented by a doctor in Green Lake, who figured out that after he took away the overhead, the \$180 he charged for an office visit was reduced to \$39. Thompson points out the typical deductible on a health insurance plan is either \$5,000 or \$2,500, and the average patient meets only \$1,000 of that. "So most people don't ever tap their insurance," he said. "For 98% of the people, (Neighborhood Family Clinics) is the place to

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## On the campaign trail Ron Johnson speaks to county GOP in Sparta

by PAT MULVANEY  
Editor

Wisconsin U.S. Senator Ron Johnson agrees that a mass deportation of illegal immigrants, as proposed by presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, would be devastating to the state's dairy industry, which relies heavily on immigrant labor.

Johnson, who was in Sparta Saturday speaking to the party faithful at the Monroe County Republican party headquarters, said a better approach to the problem would be a legal guest worker program "that recognizes that every wave of immigration that ever came to the country, worked hard and did jobs that weren't being filled."

Speaking to around three dozen attendees, he said states should be tasked with setting their own quotas of guest workers and coming up with prevailing wages for separate industries so American workers aren't pressed. "That, I think, is the long-term solution," he said.

He also would like to see the southern border with Mexico secured, "not to solve the immigration problem but for public health and safety," he said.

Johnson said the fact that only 5-10% of illegal drugs coming from Mexico are confiscated shows how porous the border is and how easy it would be for an Islamic State operative to enter the U.S. through Mexico.

Johnson, who is facing a rematch against Wisconsin Democrat Russ Feingold in the November election, equivocated when asked if he would endorse Trump.

"My intention has always been to support our Republican nominee," he said. "We still don't have a nominee."

However, he said he and other Republicans are talking to the presumptive nominee, telling him to concentrate on economic growth, which Johnson himself, believes can be accomplished through reducing the regulatory



Sen. Ron Johnson speaks to a crowd of party faithful Saturday at the Monroe County Republican headquarters in Sparta.

burden, setting a competitive tax rate and keeping energy inexpensive.

"We all want a clean environment but let's not artificially drive up the cost of power," he said. "We have an enormous economic advantage with cheap and abundant power in America. Let's not fritter that away."

As head of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, Johnson said his priorities are border and cyber security, countering Islamic terror and strengthening the military.

To defeat the Islamic State, Johnson said he would assemble a coalition of the willing like President George H.W. Bush did in the first Gulf War.

He attributes last week's mass shooting in an Orlando night club as a terrorist problem instead of a gun control issue.

"What happened in Orlando, that's not a problem of gun control, that's a problem of Islamic terror. We need to defeat

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## Schreier name has pull in NTPA

by BOB KLIEBENSTEIN  
Contributing Writer

Dave Schreier has no doubt Chris Schreier could pull it off.

Father and son devoted a combined 30 years pulling off at locations around the country. Dave, 77, and Chris, 56, at one time were part of pulling team Green Power Special on the National Tractor Pullers Association (NTPA) circuit. Dave drove 20 years, Chris 10 years.

But as both gear up for the 41st Budweiser Dairyland Super National Truck and Tractor Pull June 23-26 at Tomah's Recreation Park, the Schreiers know one thing creeps closer each year.

After more than 50 years in the sport of tractor pulling, Dave Schreier knows the day is coming when somebody else will serve as president and chief executive officer of World Pulling International, Inc. (WPI), and

NTPA executive officer.

And both are at ease knowing Chris Schreier will not assume that role. Father has complete faith that son could manage the workload. But Dave Schreier also knows what he missed in that dual leadership role. And Chris Schreier is not hesitant to admit his father's shoes would be too big to fill.

But Dave Schreier says "three more years." But with Chris sitting across the table, both share a playful grin leaving one to wonder - will he hand the keys over to a successor?

Dave Schreier's career has centered on building the NTPA brand. Green Power Special was the first grand national champion in the super stock division for John Deere in 1980. But Dave Schreier started humbly in Norwalk organizing a tractor pull as a fundraiser for the Norwalk Lions Club.

Club Truck and Tractor Pull celebrates its 50 year milestone.

Dave Schreier never looked back, but at times he had naysayers looking over his shoulder waiting for his commitment to tractor pulling to implode.

"Pulling was not a big thing early on," Dave Schreier said. "People kind of laughed at it."

But soon other local communities sought out Schreier to organize pulls. A far cry from the horsepower, literally, championed by his father, Peter, a charter member of the Norwalk Lions who was an avid horse puller fan. Same concept fueled by hay and grain, not diesel and turbo chargers.

Dave Schreier and Bill Degenhardt played key roles then, and now, in the Norwalk Lions pull. Degenhardt's Digger Hard Case International rolls

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Chris Schreier, left, and Dave Schreier extend an eager welcome to pullers and fans for the Budweiser Dairyland Super National Truck and Tractor Pull at Tomah's Recreation Park.

# St. Peter's Church Celebrates 125 Years

by **MARCI MARTIN**  
Contributing Writer

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Shennington celebrates its 125th anniversary this year with a two-day celebration June 25-26.

The church's history starts in 1880, when Soren Larson and his family came to the Shennington area to begin a new life, obtaining the deed to his new land from the U.S. government in 1882. Peter Nielson, a member of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenosha, held devotional meetings in various homes where eight to 10 families would gather.

During the summer of 1891, Larson donated land upon which a small church was built. Then in 1906, the present church was constructed on land donated by FH Schenning to the Danish settlers for the purpose of a church and parsonage.

Over the next 125 years, the church had many structural and aesthetic improvements, from items as small as new song books to as significant as the 2015, \$300,000 building renovation that includes a new front entry, gathering area, two handicap accessible bathrooms, new indoor staircase to the church proper, wide steps to the basement and a three-stage elevator, as well as much needed storage and closet space.

A complete history of the church has been assembled by Patricia Boelsing with assistance from many members of the church, as well as individual and family memories. It will be available for viewing during the celebration.

The heart of the church has always been the congregation and its fellowship with each other and the surrounding communities.

"For a small group, the feeling of family is overwhelming. Everyone takes care of one another," said Carlene Zaremba, a member of the 125th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee.

Many fundraisers to support the church and its groups are held throughout the year. Highlights include soup suppers during the Lenten season, the Sweetest Auction each February, and the Hobo Supper held in August. The first Hobo Supper was held in 1985, and has served more than 200 people each of the past few years.

Christmas caroling is a tradition, as is the annual Christmas program. The Sunday school invites veterans from the Tomah Veterans Affairs Medical Center to come to the dress rehearsal, have lunch with the students and decorate Christmas cookies.

There are many projects and drives throughout the year to give back to the Tomah area and New Lisbon and Necedah communities as well, including food pantries and school supplies, and health kits sent overseas.

St. Peter's celebrated its 60th anniversary with a fellowship dinner and afternoon program, and the 90th anniversary with the printing of a church history book. The 100th anniversary included programs, greetings, special harp music and a Corner Store Ceremony. The 125th celebration promises to be its biggest yet.

"The teamwork has been amazing," Zaremba said. "When asked, everyone has stepped right up, even for spur of the moment help."

The celebration begins Saturday, June 25 at 1 p.m. with a presentation from the Volk Field Honor Guard, and a Cemetery Walk at St. Peter's Cemetery, located on Crescent Road. From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. there is an Ice Cream Social with special music at the church.

On Sunday, June 26, worship is at 10 a.m., followed by a chicken dinner from noon to 2 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. the time capsule placed in 1991 will be opened.

A special Christmas ornament was made to commemorate the occasion. The face of the ornament features the church before the latest renovation, and inscribed on the back is "Commemorating 125 years of faith with deep appreciation to the founding families of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and to the contributions of all members past, present and those to come. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:5."

Zaremba is looking most forward to the cemetery walk. "It's always awesome to review your own family history, ask questions and learn about others, and see some old faces."

Marion Christensen, another member of the planning committee, agrees. "I am really looking forward to seeing friends and neighbors, former members, and meeting new ones as well. We are a very friendly church."

St. Peter's Lutheran Church is located at 33458 State Hwy. 21, Camp Douglas. The community is invited to attend. More information about the celebration and its schedule of events can be found on its Facebook page, St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Shennington WI.



St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Shennington.



**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
You are motivated to explore new relationships this week, Aries. Do so without jeopardizing existing relationships. Speak about your plans with others as you work things through.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, it's best to address an uncomfortable topic or situation directly, even if you would rather sweep it under the rug. Choose your words wisely and you will get by.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**  
You may be sitting on edge as you try to manage a sticky situation, Gemini, but rest assured that things will work out in your favor. Do not worry about things for too long.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, while you may want to steer clear of large groups this week, in some instances, it just may be unavoidable. Look for friends at large gatherings and enjoy the time together.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, push past your hesitation and try something that scares you. You may be surprised at how much you actually enjoy it when you give new things a chance.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Do not waste too much time over-analyzing your feelings, Virgo. Trust your gut instincts because you are on the right path and you will soon realize it.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, take some time to smell the roses this week. No matter how hectic your schedule, a little time to relax and appreciate the little things is just what the doctor ordered.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, spend some time on your own this week without the noises of the outside world creating any interference. It is good to recharge once in a while and clear your head.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Focus your attention on those actions that will help you be most successful, Sagittarius. This means not getting swept up with trivial things in your path.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, progress is hard to come by lately. Find a system that works for you and you will soon start to gain some momentum. Allow events to unfold at their own pace.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Straightforward actions will help others see your motives more clearly, Aquarius. Make time to share your intentions with friends or coworkers if you desire their support.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, long-term planning becomes a priority in the week ahead. Put future goals that involve finances at the top of your list.

- FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**
- JUNE 20**  
Lionel Richie, Singer (67)
  - JUNE 21**  
Chris Pratt, Actor (37)
  - JUNE 22**  
Meryl Streep, Actress (67)
  - JUNE 23**  
Jason Mraz, Singer (39)
  - JUNE 24**  
Lionel Messi, Athlete (29)
  - JUNE 25**  
George Michael, Singer (53)

## Spotlight on . . . . .

### Longtime VA volunteer

Chuck Geszvain was selected the Tomah Veterans Affairs Medical Center volunteer of the month for May. He has been volunteering with the Tomah VAMC for four and a half years, working with disabled American veterans.

"I had been in the military for over 30 years and another 12 years in RTS Medical," he said. "I knew I wanted to spend time with those that were in the military."



Chuck Geszvain

Geszvain spent six years in the Air National Guard. He took a four-year break, and then spent another 25 years in the Army Reserve, as well as eight years as an Army recruiter. At the VA, he volunteers on 401A, working with patients who are at the VA for rehabilitation. He also takes patients to another building on campus for Bingo or to Night at the Races, and helps them get

back home.

Geszvain is married to his wonderful wife, Linda, and has two children and two grandchildren. "I have an ability to put young children to sleep," he said. "My grandchildren (now teenagers) knew if they were tired or crabby, don't go to Grandpa."

In his free time, he likes to garden and read, and loves sports, especially the Green Bay Packers.

"The best thing about volunteering," he said, "is that I get more out of my time than what I give. I share and listen. I try to get people talking about their military service, and what they did after their service. Some people will talk a whole lot, some not so much. It is so interesting, the connections from what I've done to what some of the patients have done."

## From the past . . .

- 5 YEARS AGO - June 20, 2011**  
Former UW-L gridiron coach, Larry Terry, takes the helm at the B&G Club  
County board will consider refinancing Sand Creek debt  
Cranberry Blossom Day is June 25
- 10 YEARS AGO - June 19, 2006**  
City's newest manufacturing firm, Multi Stack, gets warm welcome  
The BBB advises how to bid safely and successfully on internet auctions  
Use care when exercising in heat
- 15 YEARS AGO - June 18, 2001**  
Fort McCoy celebrates the Army's 226th birthday and Flag Day  
Sparta's Special Olympic Team sends eight athletes to state  
New training program at Wisconsin State Patrol Academy
- 20 YEARS AGO - June 17, 1996**  
City officials learn that the cost to revitalize Perch Lake is well under previous projections  
Monroe County Health Department received an award for its observance of Public Health is Everywhere Week  
The newly formed Sparta Industrial Park Corporation will oversee the industrial park
- 25 YEARS AGO - June 17, 1991**  
Residential sewer rates to rise an additional \$5  
Governor commends McCoy's role in Operation Desert Storm  
State Patrol honors 13 "Saved By the Belt" Club members

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- Lymphedema

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# Around Town

by Shari Arnold

Sierra Peterson of Black River Falls turns 19-years-old today, June 20th.

Gene Ostrem also celebrates a birthday today, June 20th.

Jessica Arnold, her daughter Brynlee, and Tammy Sheire traveled to Lubbock, TX. They toured the Buddy Holly Museum and many other sights. They also visited Jessica's sister, Alaura Klotz. Alaura's son, Damarri King returned home with them for the summer.

Jenny Arnold, Jessi and Mark Crandell, Kim Arnold, Joseph Tenner and Jeremy Williams floated on Angelo to Fisherman's Park on Saturday. The river was perfect for this fun outing, although Jenny and Kim are now sporting sunburns.

Roger and Brenda Matson will celebrate 15 years of wedded bliss on June 23rd.

Cindy Bergmann was pleasantly surprised with a visit from her sister, Christy from Illinois.

The Hamrick family, former Nazarene pastors in Sparta, is relocating to Spokane, WA in

July with their current company.

Dads enjoying dinner at Club Oasis Sunday included Pat Clark, Dan Hesse, Marvin Hesse, Kenny Hesse and J.D. Arnold. Those treating them to a delicious dinner were wives, sisters and children.

Mark McRaniels had to spend Father's Day at the V.A. Hospital in Madison. It was brightened by a visit from Green Bay Packer team members, who gave him a challenge coin.

On May 26 at Tomah Memorial Hospital, a daughter was born to Elisabeth (Eddy) and Arnie Rettler of Sparta. Amelia Fay Rettler weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Email, phone or mail your news to Shari Arnold at arnoldaaronshari@gmail.com; (608) 487-0975; 314 Meadowview Ln., Sparta, WI 54656.

## Birth Announcements

Gundersen Health, La Crosse

### MAY 28

A son was born to Ashley (Johnson) and Jacob Mlsna of Cashton.

### MAY 29

A daughter was born to Laura (Schout) and Kyle Gould of Tomah.

### MAY 31

A son was born to Megan (Endres) and Thomas Farra of Sparta.

### JUNE 1

A daughter was born to Nichole (Benusa) and Chris Semann of Tomah.

### JUNE 2

A son was born to Maria Gonzalez and Moises Bautista Garcia of Sparta.

## A Big Thank You

Wednesday night performance by the band at the concert in the park needs a big thank you!

It had to be hard to give a great performance when hearts were breaking. They need all the support we could give them, especially for the boys and girls heart breaking and tragedy in Florida. How beautiful to see so many people turn out and how we can be so thankful for a wonderful peaceful community. We must stay strong! Thank you to Carlos Danger Band.

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## The Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

# Deciding what to do in retirement

Dear Savvy Senior, I just turned 62 and am financially prepared for retirement, but I'm less certain about how to spend my time after leaving work. Can you recommend some resources or tools that can help me with this? Feeling Lost

Dear Lost, This is a great question! Many people, when asked what they want to do when they retire, will say they want a mix of travel, play and meaningful work. Specifics, however, tend to be few and far between. But planning how to fill your time in retirement is just as important as the financial planning aspect. Here are some resources that can help.

**Online Tools** A good starting point to figuring out what you want to do in retirement is at *LifeReimagined.aarp.org*. This is an AARP website (you don't have to be a member to use it) that can help you rediscover what truly matters to you and focus on what you really want to do. It offers a variety of online exercises and programs that will hopefully spark some ideas and give you inspiration.

*Encore.org* is another good resource that helps people who are seeking work that matters in the second half of life. Click on "Resources" on the menu bar and download their free *Encore Guide*, and consider purchasing a copy of their "Encore Career Handbook" (available at *Amazon.com* or *BN.com* for \$10.50) by Marci Alboher, which is excellent.

Also check out the free E-book called "The Age for Change," which can help answer the question: "What now?" You can download this at *ComingOfAge.org*.

And, if you've never taken a personality test before, this too can be a good tool to help you figure out what type of activities or work you'd like to do. A good option for this is the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator assessment, which you can take online at *MBTIcomplete.com* for \$50.

**Personalized Guidance** If you want personalized help, you can also get one-on-one guidance from a retirement or life planning coach. Some resources that can help you here include *LifePlanningForYou.com*, which

has a free exercise called EVOKE to help identify a path that might suit you best in later life, and provides a directory to registered life planners to help guide you.

Also see: *RetirementOptions.com*, which will connect you with a retirement coach who will give you an assessment to help reveal your attitudes and opinions about work, family life, relationships, leisure time and more; and *LifePlanningNetwork.org*, which is a group of professionals and organizations that help people navigate the second half of life. You can also find life and retirement coaching at the International Coach Federation at *CoachFederation.org*.

Coaching sessions typically range from \$75 to \$300 or more, and usually require four to six sessions to get the most out of the process.

**Other Resources** If you're primarily interested in volunteering, finding a retirement job or even starting a business when you retire, there are lots of resources that can help here, too.

For volunteering, *PointsOfLight.org*, *VolunteerMatch.org* and *SeniorCorps.gov* can help you search for opportunities, or even create one on your own.

To look for job ideas, sites like *RetirementJobs.com*, *Workforce50.com* and *RetiredBrains.com* list thousands of jobs nationwide from companies that are actively seeking older workers. *FlexJobs.com* can help you find good work-at-home jobs. *CoolWorks.com* and *BackDoorJobs.com* are great for locating seasonal or summer jobs in great places. Or to search for freelance opportunities in a wide variety of areas, there's *Elnance.com* and *Guru.com*.

And if you're interested in starting a new business, the U.S. Small Business Administration offers tips, tools and free online courses to entrepreneurs who are 50 and older at *SBA.gov/content/50-entrepreneurs*, as does the nonprofit association *Score.org*.

**Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.**



Cranberry grower Nodji Van Wychen (pictured right) will lead free tours of her family's Wetherby Cranberry marsh during the annual Cranberry Blossom Day on Saturday, June 25. S Lazy D Ranch is offering tours from noon to 4 p.m. Visitors can take a wagon ride out to see the bison cows and their calves.



# Cranberry Blossom and Bison Viewing Day June 25 in Warrens

What do cranberry blossoms and bison calves have in common? Visitors have a chance to see both on Cranberry Blossom and Bison Viewing Day. This year's event - on Saturday, June 25 - is sponsored by Wetherby Cranberry Company, the Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center, DnA Vintners, S Lazy D Ranch and the Warrens Area Business Association.

"To early European immigrants, the pale pink blossoms of cranberry vines looked like the heads of cranes, so they called the tart, red fruits 'crane berries.' Over time the name was shortened to 'cranberry'. During our annual Cranberry Blossom and Bison Viewing Day, you can see for yourself if cranberry blossoms really look like the head of a crane," said Nodji Van Wychen, a third-generation cranberry grower and co-owner of Wetherby Cranberry Company.

Wetherby Cranberry Company is offering free marsh tours from 9 to 10 a.m., allowing visitors an up-close look at cranberry vines in bloom. Van Wychen will answer questions about how cranberries are grown and harvested, along with explaining how the cranberry got its name. At 10 a.m., there will be cranberry and honey recipe demonstrations in the marsh's fruit packing warehouse by 2016 Warrens Cranberry Festival Royalty Alison Krultz, Cassie Carney and Ellie Eswein.

Following the recipe demonstrations, Van Wychen will lead tours of her family's cranberry warehouse, where they sort and package fresh cranberries which are sold in upscale grocery stores in the Twin Cities and other Midwestern markets.

After touring the marsh, visitors can learn more about Wisconsin's No. 1 fruit crop at the Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center. Housed in a historic cranberry warehouse in downtown Warrens, the nonprofit center is dedicated to educating the public about the state's cranberry growing heritage.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Cranberry Discovery Center will offer lunch featuring locally made cranberry brats and cranberry sliders. At the center's old-fashioned soda fountain - which came from Steele's Drug Store in Tomah - visitors can enjoy five flavors of cranberry ice cream custom made for the Cranberry Discovery Center.

Also at the Cranberry Discovery Center, DnA Vintners of La Crosse will offer samples of its award-winning cranberry wines. Owner Diana Hobson has won various awards for her Frost Watch Red, Sweet Paradise, Chocolate Paradise and Frost Watch Orange cranberry wines. Her newest wine is Cran Rhuby, a cranberry rhubarb wine.

"We will also be sampling the other cranberry wines we feature, along with many of our gourmet cranberry food products," said Monica Genske, Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center gift

shop manager.

As part of the day's festivities, the Cranberry Discovery Center will also offer half-price admission to its exhibit hall, which features video and audio recordings, storyboards and interactive displays. In addition there will be children's activities led by the Warrens Cranberry Festival Royalty.

The Cranberry Discovery Center is currently open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday (including Cranberry Blossom Day), and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

Also on June 25, Dan Schroeder of S Lazy D Ranch will offer tours of his bison ranch from noon to 4 p.m. "We'll be giving wagon rides out to the pasture for people to

see this year's baby calves. Last year we had a calf born the day of the event," he said.

Schroeder pastures his herd of 20 American bison on land that has been in his family since 1873. His animals are primarily grass fed, getting some corn only as a treat. He sells breeding stock and cuts of meat when available. He also offers ranch tours by appointment.

The Wetherby marsh is 4.5 miles east of Warrens on County Highway EW; the Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center is in downtown Warrens at 204 Main Street; S Lazy D Ranch is located at 22203 Cinder Avenue, Warrens. For more information, call (608) 378-4878.

## Scholarship is offered for education majors

For the 28th consecutive year, Alpha Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is supporting teacher education. Delta Kappa Gamma includes women educators from the Tomah, Sparta, Bangor, and West Salem areas.

In the past, the Chapter has awarded a \$250 scholarship to a college woman entering her junior and senior year. This year Alpha Upsilon Sigma will continue the tradition.

The scholarship reflects a chapter goal of promoting professional growth and development. To be eligible for the award, the applicant must be preparing for a career in the field of education.

The criteria used in awarding the scholarship will include the following: scholastic standing, a sincere commitment to service, leadership qualities as evidenced in school, community or church activities, an indication of financial need and recommendation by faculty or other references.

Applications are available from Scholarship Co-Chairperson Elyn Thibodeau, 9715 Festival Ave., Sparta, WI 54656 or 608-269-8286. Scholarship deadline is July 30th.

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# Obituaries

## VERNON L. ZIEGLER

April 8, 1938—June 18, 2016

SPARTA - Vernon L. Ziegler, 78, of Sparta, passed away Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Gundersen Health Systems, La Crosse, of a massive stroke.

He was born to the late Lawrence and Lillian (Gonkee) Ziegler on April 8, 1938, in Sparta. Vernon graduated from Sparta High School with the class of 1956. He married Bonnie Peterson on June 1, 1957. Vernon was a truck driver for 40 years and retired in 2002. He was a member of WWCMA and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Vernon enjoyed dancing, listening to country music, and was always one to tell a joke. He gave the gift of life by donating organs, tissue, and bones.



Vernon Ziegler

Vernon is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Bonnie; his sons, Todd (Susie) Ziegler and Darrin (Wendy) Ziegler; a daughter-in-law, Holly Ziegler; grandchildren: Jessica (Adam) McCracken, Jenny Kinserdahl, Cassie Ziegler, and Michell (Renee) Ziegler; his brothers, Roland (Karen) Ziegler and Norm (Darlene) Ziegler; a sister, Frances Richardson; sisters-in-law, Beverly Austin, Evonne Busse, and Pat (Roger) Suhr; brothers-in-law, Rodney (Lois)

Peterson and Stanley Zillmer. He is further survived by five great-grandchildren; and many relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Lillian; infant son, Timothy Ziegler; son, Ricky Ziegler; brother, Mike Ziegler; infant great-grandson, Hunter McCracken; brothers-in-law, Carl Austin, Preston Busse, Fritz O'Neil, and Doug Richardson; sisters-in-law, Marlene O'Neil and Rene Zillmer.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Sparta, with Fr. Jerome Patric officiating. Burial will be held at a later date in the church cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to call at the Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home, Sparta, on Tuesday, from 5-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will continue on Wednesday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Online condolences may be offered to Vernon's family at [www.schanhoferfh.com](http://www.schanhoferfh.com).

The Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home, Sparta, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home



Sarah Siver, a third-grade teacher at Maplewood Elementary in Sparta, has had all six children in the Bailey family in her homeroom. Pictured from left are: Jon (15), Austin (13), Gracelyn (8), Mrs. Siver, Kiara (13), Latrel (11) and Kailee (17).

## Sparta teacher has special bond with large family

by VICKI HORSTMAN  
Staff Writer

A Maplewood teacher has taught all six children of one grateful Sparta family.

Sarah Siver, who has been teaching the third grade at Maplewood Elementary for 13 years, has had every one of Melissa and Steve Bailey's children in her homeroom. With kids ranging from ages 8 to 17, Melissa says all of her children

have had only great things to say about Mrs. Siver.

"She has been such an influential teacher and individual in the lives of my children," Melissa said. "She's always so nice, caring and took her time with them."

Throughout the years, Siver has taught approximately 224 third graders in her homeroom. She says that it was her own teachers who made learning engaging, relevant and fun that made her want to become an

educator herself.

She said all of the Bailey kids were present in the classroom, and positive additions in school activities and functions.

"I have a wonderful rapport with the Bailey family," Siver said. "I have many happy memories of working with all their children."

Siver also said she appreciated how present and helpful Steve and Melissa were in providing support to their children academically, and in any way

possible to help them grow to become the best people they can be.

"My life goal is to make a positive difference, each day, in big ways and small ways, to all children," Siver said.

Melissa said when all of Gracelyn's classmates were counting down the days until summer last week, she and her classmates were also sad because their year with Mrs. Siver was coming to an end.

## Playing with matches causes Sparta house fire

by VICKI HORSTMAN  
Staff Writer

A Sparta residence received extensive fire and smoke damage after a young child was playing with matches in a second-story bedroom.

On Thursday, June 15, the Sparta Police Department was dispatched to 420 Monroe Street, home of Dean and Elvira Braun, after City of Sparta Street Department workers noticed smoke coming from the house.

Both Street Department workers and responding police officers tried to verify the house was not occupied, but thick smoke prevented them from doing so. Sparta Area Fire

District personnel responded and extinguished the fire, then verified the residence was in fact empty.

The investigation into the source of the fire revealed a young child visiting the residence earlier in the day had been playing with matches, and had thrown one of the matches into a trash container in an upstairs bedroom.

The Sparta Police Department was assisted at the scene by the City of Sparta Street Department, the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, the Sparta Area Ambulance Service, the Monroe County Communications Center and Sparta Area Fire District personnel.

## Mayo's new 3-D mammography technology on wheels is unveiled

Mayo Clinic Health System — Franciscan Healthcare has upgraded to a new mobile 3-D mammography unit to offer expanded digital three-dimensional (3-D) mammography, or Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (DBT), services to the Coulee Region beginning Monday, June 27.

The mobile 3-D mammography services will be offered in addition to the existing in-house digital 3-D mammography services in La Crosse and Onalaska. The mobile 3-D mammography unit will travel to area businesses and bring digital 3-D mammography services to select Franciscan Healthcare locations.

"Better breast cancer detection starts with up-to-date technology and ample access to it. This new mobile service will make it easier to reach people and provide improved detection — ultimately saving lives," says Richard Ellis, M.D., Center for Breast Care. Digital Breast Tomosynthesis is different from conventional mammography in how the image of the breast is obtained and viewed. "The 3-D imaging improves accuracy when detecting abnormalities and can help reduce the need for follow-up imaging," says Dr. Ellis.

### Benefits of Digital Breast Tomosynthesis:

- DBT allows for a more detailed mammogram.
- Following the curvature of the breast, the camera takes several images of the breast as it moves.
- Images are compiled into sharp, clear, three-dimensional images that can be evaluated, layer-by-layer.
- Providers can manipulate how the images are viewed, by adjusting the images' brightness, color, and/or contrast to better detect early signs of breast cancer.
- DBT may decrease the need for follow-up breast imaging.
- Due to better imaging technology, recalls for DBT patients are less than recalls for patients who undergo conventional, two-dimensional mammography.
- DBT has shown up to a 40% reduction of false-positive calls, minimizing patient anxiety and costs.
- While conventional, two-dimensional mammography is the widely-accepted method of breast cancer screening, it can be limiting due to overlapping layers of tissue, which can produce unclear results, false alarms, or cancer being missed.

## WIC issuance days are scheduled for July

The Monroe County Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) would like to inform its participants of the benefit issuance with nutrition education days for the month of July.

Participants can come to the WIC office in Sparta on Wednesday, July 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. OR on Tuesday,

July 19 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. WIC provides healthful foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health care and community resources.

For more information, or if interested in finding out if you or your family may be eligible for WIC services, please call (608) 269-8671.

## Camp Sparta begins today, June 20th

The Sparta Area School District hopes students are excited about another fun summer of learning during Camp Sparta Summer Experience.

Programming begins today, Monday, June 20, with sessions from 8 a.m. to noon through July 29. Classes are held at Meadowview School, with the exception of Fundamentals of Basketball, Spartan Strength, and Summer Speed and Strength, and HS Triathlon, which are at the high school. A shuttle bus will be available between Meadowview and the high school. High school classes are held at Meadowview Middle School.

"We are excited to offer summer learning experiences to

all students. Camp Sparta and HS Summer Session illustrates that learning can occur anytime and anywhere," said Liz Dostal, Director of Instruction.

The Sparta Area School District is proud to have more than 700 students enrolled in summer session. This promotes summer learning during crucial months when students are not commonly in school and learning loss can occur. The increased enrollment demonstrates our students and families commitment to learning, the need for these quality learning opportunities, and the dedication of our staff to increasing student learning and achievement.

Registration for K-8 Summer

Experience for elementary and middle school students is closed; however, the Summer School office is still enrolling high school students in credit-bearing

classes. Please contact Liz Dostal at (608) 269-3151 or [edostal@spartan.org](mailto:edostal@spartan.org) to register your child for these available high school sessions.

## First aid, CPR class July 11

Because emergency situations don't always occur within the walls of a hospital or clinic, it is important that medical professionals are not the only people who know how to perform basic life-saving measures such as CPR or First Aid.

With the help of Mayo Clinic Health System in Sparta community members can learn how to potentially save someone's life. On Monday, July 11, there will be an American Heart Association Heart Savers class at the Sparta clinic.

From 6 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., non-healthcare providers can

learn how to successfully perform First Aid and CPR. Additionally, those in attendance will learn how to operate an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), a portable device that restores a regular heart rhythm in a person who goes into a sudden cardiac arrest.

In order to truly learn the basics, this class will consist of hands-on practice.

The class will cost \$40 to community members. The cost will cover the class, the reference book, and a completion certificate. For further questions, call 608-269-1770.

## SUDOKU

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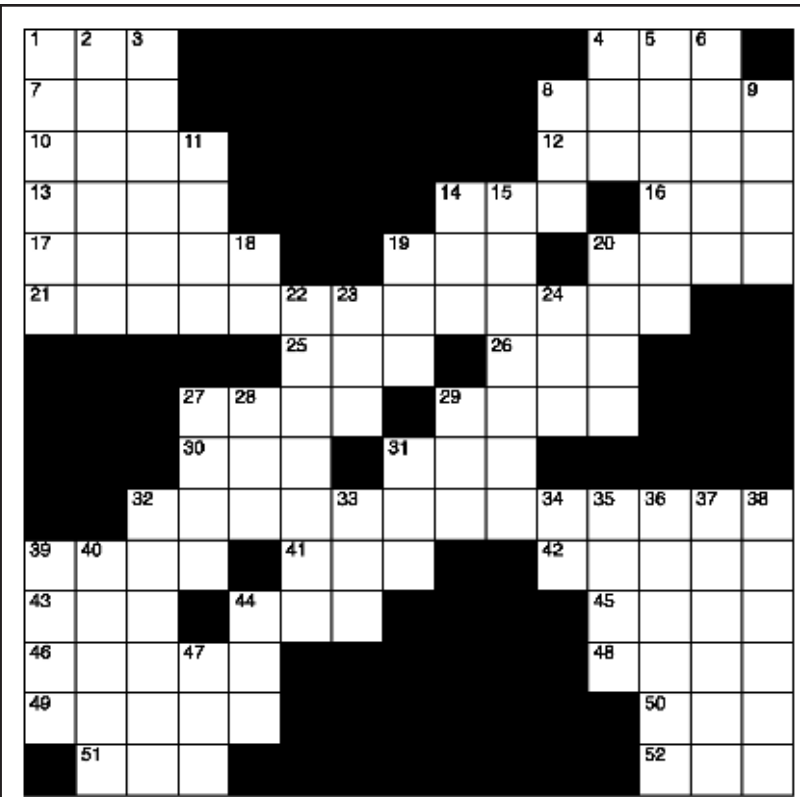
### Fun By The Numbers

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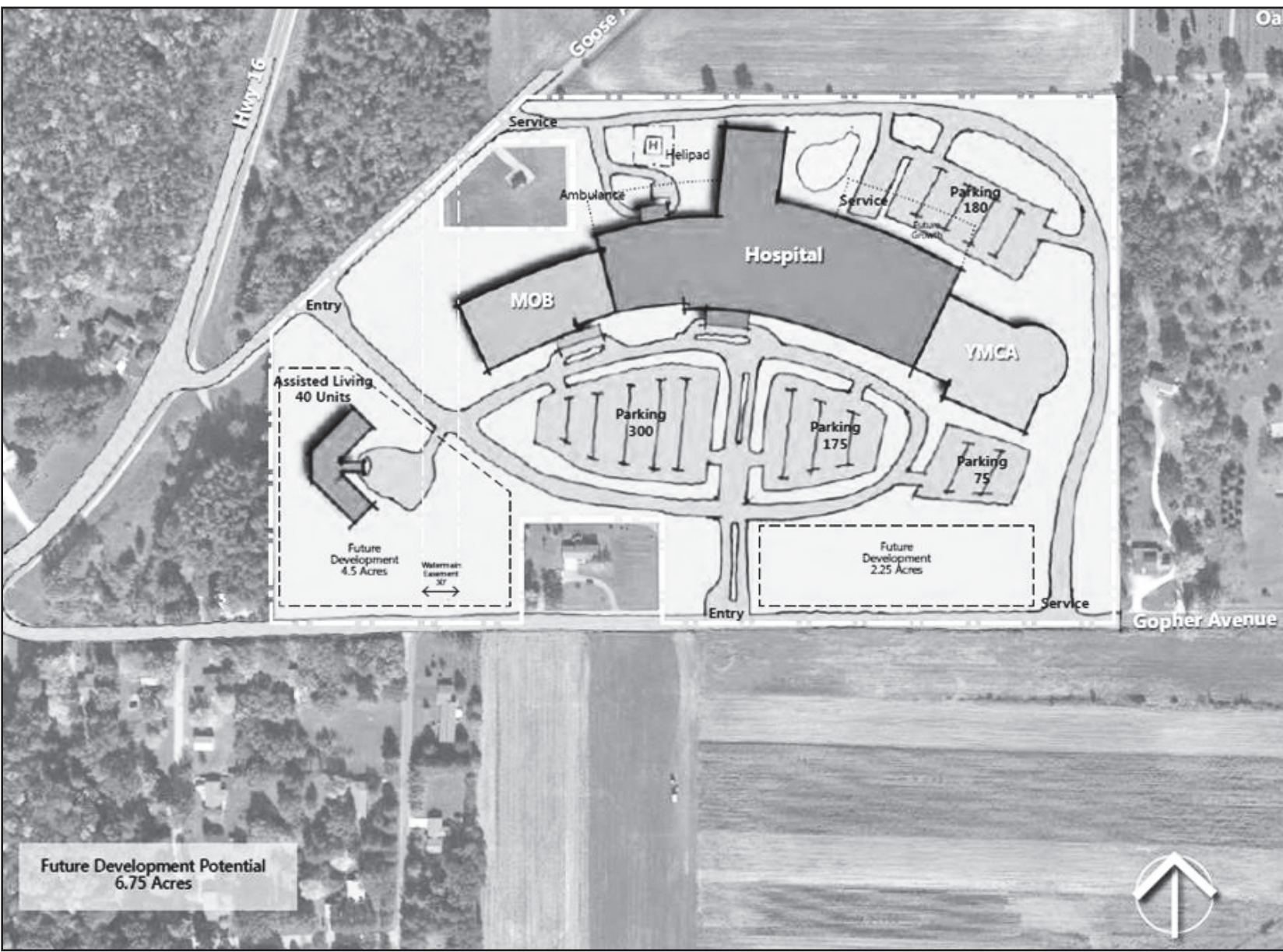
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- Brain wave test
- Rowing fulcrum peg
- Arabian Gulf
- 55121 MN
- Trash & tin
- Actress Farrow
- Egg of a louse
- Lesion
- A Scottish cap
- Poi vegetable
- Illness from neurosis
- Moving truck
- Gallivaat
- Millisecond
- Trigonometric function
- Pinna
- Loud noise
- Small auto accidents
- Thin wire nail
- Many subconsciousness
- Rocket scientist Werner Von
- Albanian currency
- Sum up
- Grapefruit & tangerine hybrid
- SE Asia palm genus
- Drew off fluid
- Severe & cruel
- Before
- It never sleeps
- Used to be United

### CLUES DOWN

- Saucer's companion
- Foot controls
- Administrative unit
- Residential mortgage authority
- High quality French brandy
- Gilbert O'Sullivan song
- Steepled beverage
- Prefix used in anatomy, biology
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- Mayan language
- Create mentally
- Atomic #45
- 2000 pounds
- Oceanic rise or fall
- Did to excess
- Pouch or baglike structure
- Browning of the skin
- A fitting reward (archaic)
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- Physicians
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- Doctor of Education
- E. Canadian province
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- S10 gold coins
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Tomah Memorial Hospital officials continue design work for a new medical center complex; including hospital, medical clinic and community / wellness facility proposed on a 40 acre site on Tomah's south side adjacent to Interstate 90 along Gopher Avenue. The public is invited to share input on the project via a survey located on the hospital's website at [www.tomahhospital.org](http://www.tomahhospital.org).

## Tomah Memorial seeks public input on new hospital

Tomah Memorial Hospital is looking for public input regarding the planned construction of a new hospital on the city's south side.

CEO Phil Stuart said a public survey is now available for area residents to share input on services and features for the estimated \$72 million project planned for construction on a 40-acre site located on Tomah's south side adjacent to Interstate 90 along Gopher Avenue.

The hospital board has already selected BWBR of St. Paul, MN, as the project's architectural firm, and Market & Johnson headquartered in Eau Claire, as the general contractor.

Stuart said plans still call for a proposed groundbreaking of the new facility in August 2017, but

hinted the date could be moved up earlier in the year.

"The input from the public will be helpful as we continue on this journey," said Stuart. "The six question survey will allow the public to list services they currently use while sharing insights on future health care needs." He said questions also ask the public to list some services and features they would like to see in the new facility.

Stuart said the survey will be available on the hospital's website at [www.tomahhospital.org](http://www.tomahhospital.org) thru July 5.

In May 2014, Tomah Memorial purchased the 40-acre parcel of land from Norman and Evelyn Randall. Since that time, Stuart said officials have been meticulously working through the

project including meetings with construction and engineering representatives, stakeholders, health care providers, local city and school officials.

Stuart said hospital officials continue to have discussions with representatives from Gundersen Health System and Mayo Health System regarding joint use of a medical office building and with YMCA of LaCrosse officials pertaining to a proposed community / wellness facility planned for the campus. The hospital's Foundation has already begun work with a firm looking into fundraising for the community / wellness facility.

A proposed site design calls for a 130,000 sq. ft. hospital, 80,000 sq. ft. medical office building and 50,000 sq. ft. community /

wellness facility.

Stuart said designs also include room for future expansion for all three facilities on the site including a possible assisted living facility. "There still are a lot of moving parts in this project with time frames built into the planning that would allow us to put it on hold at any time."

Stuart said construction of the project could take up to two years. He added that no future plans have been made for the existing hospital at 321 Butts Ave.

## County Dems to hold open house

An open house will be held on Monday, June 27, from 5-6:30 p.m., at the Barbara Rice home, 216 North Spring Street, to discuss the upcoming election.

Jordan Black, of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, will be the guest speaker. For more information call 608-487-1131.

## What's happening ... Upcoming Area Events

June 21, Tuesday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held at the Sparta/Barney Community Center. Sponsored by McClain Realty in Sparta.

June 22, Wednesday, **CONCERT IN THE PARK** at Evans-Bosshard Park, Sparta. 'Leather & Lace' will perform. Sparta Women's Group will have concessions starting at 5 p.m. and Dizzy Duck Race drawing during intermission about 8 p.m. This is a scholarship fundraiser for the group.

June 22, Wednesday, 6 p.m. **AMERICANA MUSIC IN THE PARK** begins at Tomah's Gillett Park. Bring a lawn chair, beverages and snacks and enjoy some great tunes while relaxing.

June 23-26, Thurs. thru Sun. Budweiser Dairyland Super National **TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL** at Recreation Park in Tomah. Four days, six shows, two pull tracks. Commercial booths, food vendors, camping - for general camping & vending info visit [www.tomahtractorpull.com](http://www.tomahtractorpull.com), call 608-372-2081, or email mail@tomahtractorpull.com.

June 23-26, Thurs. thru Sun. **ELROY FAIR**. Horse pull, tractor pulls (antique and farm), car show, live music, Fairest of the Fair, and Juneau County Dairy Breakfast on June 26.

June 23, Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-5 p.m. **TOMAH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 202 E. Juneau St., Tomah. Sponsored by Carlson Advisors. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

June 24, Saturday, **FT. MCCOY ARMY CONCERT TICKET KICK-OFF**. Purchase ZZ Top/Greg Allman concert tickets for only \$40 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the following Kwik Trips: Sparta - Black River St., Tomah - W. McCoy Blvd., Onalaska - Hwy. 16, Hwy. 35/Oak Forest Dr. and La Crosse - Rose St. You can also purchase them online from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at [www.mccoyarmymwr.com](http://www.mccoyarmymwr.com)

June 25, July 23, Aug. 13, Saturdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. **SPECIAL NEEDS SWIMMING** will be held at the Sparta Aquatic Center. Event is free to anyone in Monroe County with a disability and their family and/or care provider. Hosted by The ARC-Monroe County.

July 14, Thursday, 11:30 a.m. **ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL LUNCHEON** will be held at the Sparta VFW.

Every Wednesday, 7 p.m. **CONCERT IN THE PARK** at Evans Bosshard Park, Sparta. Free and open to the public (in case of inclement weather it will be at the Sparta American Legion). For event updates, band bios and list of concession sponsors, visit [bikesparta.com](http://bikesparta.com) or Facebook. [com/SpartaAreaChamberOfCommerce](http://com/SpartaAreaChamberOfCommerce).

June through October. **VENDORS WANTED** for craft fairs on the last weekend of the month in downtown Sparta. Booths can be set up in any open spaces in the downtown area and in front of empty store fronts along Water, Court and Oak sts. from 3-8 p.m. Friday and 8-4 Saturday. No rummage items, please. There is no fee required to participate, but space reservations should be made by calling the Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce at 608-269-4123 or email [barb@bikesparta.com](mailto:barb@bikesparta.com). Dates for craft fairs are June 24-25, July 29-30, Aug. 26-27, Sept. 20 and Oct. 1, and Oct. 14-15 (to align with Fall Fest).

Saturdays 8 a.m.-noon; and Wednesdays 2-5 p.m. **SPARTA FARMERS MARKET** on Water St. at Beaver Creek Market, downtown Sparta. Locally grown fresh produce and locally made crafts are offered. There also will be entertainment and demonstrations, and specialty foods will be offered every other week.

Third Monday of the Month, 11:30 a.m. Mayo Clinic Health System-Sparta Hospital **AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING** is held at the hospital. New members are always welcome to attend. Upcoming meetings are June 20, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

First Saturday of the month, 7:30 a.m.-12 noon. Sparta Eagles Club #2833 on Hwy. 21 East of Sparta, hosts a **LUMBERJACK BREAKFAST**. Menu includes sausage, hash browns, toast, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, potatoes, french toast, waffles, coffee and milk.

Second Sunday of the Month, 8-11 a.m. **CANCELED FOR JUNE**. The Sparta American Legion Auxiliary hosts an **OMELET BREAKFAST** in the back dining room of the Legion (use back banquet hall entrance). Menu includes a three egg omelet with your choice of fixings, hash browns and toast; for the smaller appetite, scrambled eggs will be available. This fundraiser helps the auxiliary support its programs.



## Young Entrepreneurs

Sisters Ruby (right) and Rachel (left) Ewers set up a lemonade stand on Superior Avenue in Tomah during last weeks heat wave. While there's no news on how their sales went, at least their grandfather, Gary Ewers (also pictured), gave them some business.



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## Porky gets last squeal in Stoughton

Pity organizers of the Stoughton Fair.

Sign of the times? Unfortunate location in Dane County? Whatever the motivation, citing "pressure from city officials and online petitions, the Stoughton Fair cancelled pig wrestling after seven years, according to a story in a local newspaper.

The story states the fair board made its decision following a resolution from the Stoughton City Council asking board members to cancel the event. I don't know a single soul on Stoughton's council. I've only been to Stoughton twice in 55 years.

Once for a nephew's wedding. And once to visit said nephew who still resides in Stoughton. Charming community. I would like to visit the Stoughton Opera House some time. Looks like a neat entertainment venue.

I have no doubt its council are solid citizens with the best intentions.

But with all that nicey-nice talk dispensed, it's time to get to the meat, or should we say pork, of the issue. I've been a casual spectator at similar events at many fairs over the years.

Does two or three people chasing a pig around an enclosed pen constitute animal cruelty? Matter of opinion. Certainly does not constitute fair odds for porky. But then who knows what is going through porky's head?

Maybe porky enjoys watching two or three people run around getting completely winded. Maybe porky enjoys that defining moment when two or three people have him by the bacon only to unload a fecal apocalypse, literally, in their arms or worse, a fecal facial.

The Monroe County Fair has sponsored a similar event in past years. To be honest, the contestants enjoy the opportunity to "ham" it up. Pun intended. According to its web site, the Monroe County Fair is hosting Hug-A-Pig this year.

While not completely certain, I would guess it's a safe bet Hug-A-Pig is the user friendly term for chasing a pig around an enclosed area with entrants trying to toss porky in a large water tank. If not the case, my sincere apologies to fair organizers.

Little surprise online opposition in Stoughton is fueled by a Madison animal rights/pro veganism group, Alliance for Animals and the Environment. According to the news story, as of June 16 more than 10,000 people had signed the petition. One Stoughton alderman voiced concern over threats to boycott the fair and Stoughton businesses if pig wrestling was not cancelled.

All I think about now when I hear the term vegan is a certain beloved (by some) Wisconsin sports figure who chose a vegan lifestyle to impress his hottie girlfriend and fellow GO quarterback Tom Brady. My own opinion.

Still not buying the weight loss story to dump dairy and go vegan. I do know Aaron Rodgers better not appear in any milk mustache campaign, if that lame campaign even exists.

Let's not get too sentimental. We are not talking about Wilbur in Charlotte's Web. Everyone adored Wilbur. I even had a fondness for Wilbur when I read the book during my youth.

Is porky traumatized? Can porky sustain injury? I pose this question to animal rights activists. Don't pigs end up as bacon and pork chops? I guess if porky might go early, why not go to hog Heaven at the hands of fate rather than the blade of a butcher's knife?

I'm just saying.

I recall years ago, actually several decades, when I pitted my quickness against a foxy rooster at the Belmont School and Community Fair. I never did corner that bird. That event was part of our community fair forever. I think its popularity fizzled over time. But at least its demise was not a forced hand.

Wasn't there a scene in *Rocky* where Burgess Meredith (the trainer) had Sylvester Stallone chase chickens to improve his footwork and coordination? I do remember the scene where Stallone pummeled beef carcasses in the locker plant. Wonder how vegan activists would have responded?

In the future will leading livestock with halters at the county fair be considered cruel? Will having small animals in cages at the fair be considered punishment?

Consider this. Porky is lucky. They don't have to listen to Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton until November. That constitutes cruel and unusual punishment for the voting public.

The sound of a squealing pig in distress might cause alarm to some. But for those old enough to remember, porky's distress squeal pales to an epic squeal in one of my all time favorite movies, *Deliverance*. It was not from a pig. Ring any bells?

Movie buffs should figure that out. Uncanny how to transition from a community fair to historic cinema with nothing more than a squeal.

Bob Kliebenstein is a rural Tomah resident and contributing writer to the Monroe County Herald.



Bob Kliebenstein  
Guest Opinion

## Trump talk makes its way to Wisconsin politics

Has Donald Trump's style of personal criticism spread to Wisconsin?

A freshman suburban legislator recently assailed Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett for crime spreading to suburban areas. She vowed to seek cuts in state aid unless Barrett took steps to "dramatically cut crime in Milwaukee."

The Trump-style statement by State Rep. Janel Brandtjen, R-Menomonee Falls, was triggered by a police search for five "young criminals from Milwaukee" who fled in a stolen car in Richfield (Washington County).

"The violence and the crime that has plagued Milwaukee for decades have now begun to spill over into Milwaukee's suburbs," she wrote. "I lay the responsibility for this growing and out of control problem at the door of the mayor's office."

Her recipe for Barrett - hire more police, apprehend and arrest car thieves, demand prison for repeat criminals and stand up to judges. If the mayor doesn't do those things he will be "assisting and enabling the very

criminals who are responsible for the record number of shootings, car-jackings and murders," she said.

"Mayor Barrett may not care about the safety of his family but I certainly do care about mine," she added.

The mayor's office issued a statement that Barrett is addressing public safety issues and would "welcome the representative's assistance in dealing with the criminal justice system."

While police from Milwaukee and Washington County searched for the car thieves, Brandtjen said "families were forced to unlock their gun cabinets and instruct their loved ones to shoot to kill."

State Rep. Mandela Barnes, D-Milwaukee, called it a "toxic, Donald Trump-esque statement."

"Fear mongering to promote an ignorant and reprehensible agenda does little to acknowledge or address the real problems that communities in Wisconsin face," he said.

"The sense of entitlement being cultivated beyond the borders of Milwaukee promotes a dangerous narrative that preys on socioeconomic and racial disparities," Barnes added.

Perhaps Brandtjen "would prefer to follow Donald Trump's lead by building a wall around Milwaukee," he indicated.

"This needless divisive rhetoric fails to acknowledge this fundamental truth: when Milwaukee succeeds, Wisconsin succeeds," Barnes said in a statement.

Talk of unlocking gun cabinets added an element of race to the dialogue. State Rep. Bob Gannon, R-Slinger, said, "Crime is a very dangerous vocational choice, and if one is to get injured or terminated in the pursuit of that vocation, then that person knew the dangers before making the decision to get involved."

Gannon charged that Barnes thinks only blacks can criticize violent criminals if they are black.



Matt Pommer  
Guest Opinion

## Family Care, IRIS victory shows that citizen action still works

Seniors and people with disabilities won a tremendous victory recently when the state Department of Health Services (DHS) withdrew its plan to privatize two vital health care programs. More than 55,000 Wisconsin citizens rely on Family Care and IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct), two Medicaid-funded programs that provide home care and other services to help disabled and elderly individuals live with independence and dignity. I have heard from hundreds of constituents who were scared that the changes the administration wanted to make would threaten their way of life.

Since the inception of these programs, Family Care and IRIS have been managed by Managed Care Organizations, regional nonprofits with boards of directors that represent various stakeholder groups. As part of the state budget, Governor Walker tried to abolish these organizations and replace them with agencies that would have operated like insurance companies. Instead

of being run by local decision makers, the programs could be managed by out-of-state insurance companies. Naturally, the disabled and elderly people who rely on Family Care or IRIS were concerned that this kind of arrangement might force them to change their health care providers, take away services they need or provide less flexibility for them to make their own decisions about their care.

Because Family Care and IRIS weren't broken, there was never any real reason to fix them. These programs provide a high level of care, and their governance structure insured that management decisions reflected the needs of local people - not a corporate bottom line. Above all, they save taxpayers money by caring for people in their homes instead of institutionalizing them in much more expensive nursing homes

and long-term care facilities. The administration claimed it was proposing the measure to control costs. However, DHS was never able to prove that this new model would either save Wisconsin money or provide better services to the frail elderly and people with disabilities who use it.

In short, the only sure benefits from changing Family Care and IRIS to a privatized system would be for insurance companies. Fortunately, the seniors and disabled individuals who felt their health and security threatened by these changes turned their anxiety into action. By the thousand, they contacted DHS and legislators to let them know how vital these programs are to helping them live fulfilling lives. They shared how their caregivers allow them to cope with their disabilities and remain in their homes.

Their pressure worked. Before the Legislature's Joint Finance

Committee could approve the plan, DHS Secretary Kitty Rhoads wrote to the Joint Finance co-chairs to withdraw it, citing the "comments, feedback, and questions" that the department had received. The two programs aren't entirely out of the woods. The statutory changes that led to the plan are still on the books, and Secretary Rhoads left open the possibility that DHS might try again. But for now at least, Family Care and IRIS will remain the same effective and responsive programs they have been.

This victory is great news for the elderly and disabled individuals who rely on Family Care and IRIS, and it's good news for the rest of us too. When the people of Wisconsin let their voices be heard long and loud enough, it's still possible to change the course of state government.

Sen. Julie Lassa of Stevens Point represents Wisconsin's 24<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes northern Monroe County and the cities of Sparta and Tomah.



Julie Lassa  
Guest Opinion

## WISTAX Facts: School district revenue cap referenda approvals rise

For more than 20 years, state law has imposed revenue limits on school districts that local voters can exceed by referendum. In the 2000s, as its budget problems became more frequent, the state began to slow, freeze, and even cut allowable increases

in its school revenue limits. Especially in small districts where fixed costs were more significant and reductions harder to find, school boards began asking voters for some relief from the

state caps. Until 2010, passing a "revenue-cap" referendum was, at best, a 50-50 proposition.

But, in recent years, approval rates have climbed: The rates first surpassed 70% in 2011 and 80% this

year. From 2011 on, approval rates never fell below 61%.

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# Ask The Trainer

by Dave Erickson - ACE-Certified Personal Trainer  
ACE-Certified Lifestyle & Weight Management Consultant  
Editor's Note: Dave Erickson owns and operates an area health club.



During this time we are all asking important questions in trying to figure out how to solve society's problems. The recent tragedy in Orlando has put the spotlight brightly on the guns, or people debate as to why we have horrible mass murders. The gun advocates say that no gun has ever killed a person without an evil person pulling the trigger. Those against guns say that the way to solve this problem is to not allow guns in the hands of evil people.

Similarly, we as a nation are also facing a growing problem of health issues related to obesity. Is it the person or the environment of fast and easy food that is at fault? When you walk into the local Kwik Trip you see tables and stacks of high-calorie processed doughnuts, bars and muffins. Below the entire checkout area are candy bars and on the counter are sugary treats. But Kwik Trip will point to their milk and healthy food island and proclaim they are "health advocates" and that all foods are okay in moderation. Health advocates say that junk food, like cigarettes, has only one purpose—to give us temporary pleasure at the expense of addiction and our good health.

To define the severity of our nation's problem with obesity, the healthcare technology industry has recently developed a stomach pump that can be implanted in an obese person's

stomach to pump out a percentage of the food the person eats thus helping him/her lose weight. This to me exemplifies the high level of helplessness overweight people and health care providers feel in our desire to live in healthy-weight bodies.

If we have essentially defined people as "helpless" by our focus on gastric surgery, devices and our never-ending search for a pill that will fix our overeating problem, then I would argue that when it comes to the argument of person vs. environment in regard to our obesity epidemic, I would say we need to look much closer at environment. We need to look at businesses that make it easy for us to buy and eat foods that cause our obesity. We need to ask important questions like: "Why are the clerks trained to ask if we want doughnuts with our purchase?" and "Why is a box of processed food-like substances cheaper than fresh real foods?"

We live in a free society and I am the first person to believe in a person's personal responsibility for their lives. However, it seems to me that personal responsibility needs some help by changing our environment so that making healthy choices is easier and making poor choices is much more difficult.

For more information about exercise, healthy eating and healthy living, visit [www.getfit4life.net](http://www.getfit4life.net) or find Fit4Life on Facebook.



Tomah Aquatic Center head lifeguard Courtney Prise, left, and assistant head lifeguards Ben Hoffman, center, and Allison Murray accept a supply of sunscreen from Tomah Memorial Hospital.

## Tomah Memorial Hospital promotes sun safety

Visitors to the Tomah Aquatic Center will be better protected from the sun thanks to a donation of sunscreen by Tomah Memorial Hospital.

"The donation is a small way to help safeguard visitors to the Aquatic Center from the dangerous rays of the sun," said hospital marketing & public relations director Eric Prise. He said the hospital has been donating the personal sized

bottles of sunscreen for the last seven years.

Prise said health care providers recommend the following tips to help prevent sun-related skin problems:

- Apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 at least 15 minutes before sun exposure and then reapply every two hours.
- Wear sunglasses with total UV protection.

•Wear wide-brimmed hats, long sleeved shirts and pants.

•Avoid direct sun exposure as much as possible during peak UV radiation hours between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

•Perform skin self-exams regularly to become familiar with existing growths and to notice any changes or new growths.

Health care officials warn that unprotected skin can be damaged by the sun's UV rays

in as little as 15 minutes, and 80 percent of a person's lifetime sun exposure is acquired before age 18. Officials say about 90 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers and 65 percent of melanomas are associated with exposure to UV radiation from the sun.

The Tomah Aquatic Center opened for the season June 4. For more details visit the City of Tomah website at [www.tomahonline.com](http://www.tomahonline.com).

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### Just a Pinch

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By Janet Tharpe



#### Uncle Wiley's Fantastic Chicken Salad

"My uncle makes the best chicken salad!"



Debbie Burbank's Uncle Wiley's Chicken Salad recipe is so good your guests will be asking you for the recipe. This chicken salad is great for brunch, a light lunch or to serve at a cookout this summer. The sour cream adds a delicious tang that I can't get enough of!

See step-by-step photos of Debbie's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:

[www.justapinch.com/wileyschickensalad](http://www.justapinch.com/wileyschickensalad)

You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

- Janet

#### Uncle Wiley's Chicken Salad

##### What You Need

- 4 c poached boneless chicken breasts, diced
- 1 c celery, finely chopped
- 1 c pecans, chopped
- 1 c dried cranberries
- 1 1/2 c white seedless grapes, cut in fourths
- 1 c white raisins
- 4 oz sour cream
- 1 c mayonnaise
- Salt and black pepper, to taste

##### Directions

- Poach chicken breast. This can be done the day before.
- When ready to make the salad, dice the chicken.
- In a large bowl, mix all of the ingredients.
- Add salt and black pepper to taste.
- Add additional mayonnaise if necessary.
- Serve with crackers or it makes a great sandwich with lettuce and tomatoes.

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### NTPA

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into Rec Park later this week.

The NTPA was established in 1969 by representatives from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Members met to establish consistent rules and provide structure. The NTPA is the primary sanctioning body of the sport for competition and safety.

But when the sport experienced growth pains, Dave Schreier decided to step away from steering a John Deere super stock down a track to steering the future of the sport. He and wife Christine moved to the corporate office in Columbus, Ohio from 1986 to 1998.

WPI, Inc. was formed to manage the NTPA. That model has been in place over 30 years. WPI is a stockholder's company that handles NTPA business affairs and includes a marketing department and publications division.

"We came to a point where we knew it had to be run like a business," Dave Schreier said. "We sold shares for financial stability."

By that time Tomah was an established event on the sanctioned circuit. The first sanctioned Tomah pull was in 1976. There were earlier pulls as part of the Monroe County Fair.

"It was a tough sell early," Dave Schreier said. "The fair made \$16,000 our first year. But we had been to other pulls on the national circuit so we knew how to do it right."

Chris Schreier acknowledges being able to do it right starts with a strong cast of around 200 volunteers who rally each year at Tomah. From humble beginnings of 12 to 20 people. Local organizations count on the Tomah pull as fundraisers.

While not planning to step into

his father's role, Chris Schreier serves as president of the Monroe County Agricultural Society that oversees local administration for the Tomah pull and the Monroe County Fair. He also works for Hartland Fuels which involves considerable travel.

The sport will hold fond memories for Chris Schreier, whatever his role in the post-Dave Schreier era.

"While growing up in Norwalk, I followed in Dad's footsteps as a kid," Chris Schreier said. "I was involved when he helped start the Norwalk pull, which also led into working at the Tomah event since its beginning. Together we have a combined 100 years experience in tractor pulling, whether competing in or promoting the sport."

Dave Schreier continues working to grow the sport. NTPA championship events air three times weekly on the RFD-TV network. The Tomah pull gets worldwide exposure through live streams.

"We get a new audience exposed to the sport," Dave Schreier said.

While the NTPA and NASCAR share a distinction of being motor sports, Chris Schreier feels tractor pulling appeals to a more "down to earth" motor sports fan. He does not sense the same "glamour" some may associate with NASCAR.

Dave Schreier is confident someone within the organization can carry the torch when he steps aside. But he is also aware of challenges that await.

"(WPI) needs a strong president, someone with a heavy hand," Dave Schreier said.

Sessions start Thursday at 7 p.m. Shows continue Friday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday sessions run the same time. The final session Sunday starts at noon.

### JOHNSON

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Islamic terror," he said.

Johnson sees gun control as a restriction of Americans' Constitutional rights. He said Islamic terror has reduced freedom enough, pointing to the state of airport security, and he is unwilling to reduce Second Amendment freedoms anymore without a convincing argument.

"They (gun control advocates) better at least be able to show that whatever they're proposing

would actually have stopped these previous instances," he said.

Johnson also believes President Obama's Supreme Court nominee shouldn't come up for a vote until the next president is seated.

"We're in such a unique point in time where we're so close to an election. Let the American people have a voice in deciding the direction of the court," he said.

### HEALTH CARE

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go because it's \$39 cash for an office visit instead of \$180 or \$280 or \$480. It really doesn't make any difference if it's applied to the deductible because most people don't meet their deductible."

Even so, the clinic will give patients a receipt they can submit to their insurance companies to apply toward their deductible.

Some of the differences in costs are remarkable. A chest x-ray at Neighborhood Family Clinics is \$125, compared to \$800 at a typical clinic, while labs for physicals and pre-op exams are one-fifth the price.

Especially relevant these days are sports physicals for school-aged athletes, which the clinic is offering for \$30.

Stafslieen can order an MRI scan, which typically costs \$5,000 at most clinics, for only \$600. The only caveats are the patient has to travel to Milwaukee and pay cash.

Still, for a day's drive or a \$72 round-trip ticket on Amtrak, that's over \$4,000 saved.

And the Milwaukee clinic, operating under its own low-overhead philosophy, delivers same-day results, which Thompson says are just as reliable as the big clinics' results.

The disparity in prices is because the clinic operates with only the necessities. It's in a modest building, nurses man the front desk, there are no administrators and, most importantly, there is no billing department.

The collection department consists of Dr. Thompson, who has a strict policy for bounced checks. He rips them up and tells the patient the office visit was free.

But then he goes one step further. "I tell them your next visit is also free just don't ever write us another check."

The clinic's forgiving approach is reflected in its mission to give back 10-15% of its income. That attitude has inspired 52 patients to not only pay for their own

visit but leave enough money to pay for the next person's visit, too. Three of those patients were spurred by compassion to leave an additional \$500 each.

Thompson also started medical clinics in schools in La Crosse, the only clinics of their kind in the nation that he's aware of. The free clinics are held in classrooms three days a week by an all volunteer staff. Supplies are purchased with donated money.

Neighborhood Family Clinics has contracts with a number of school districts and municipalities, which pay for their employees' visits. But other than that, it's pay at the time of service with no hidden fees and no worrying about how much a treatment will cost – the low rates are displayed for all patients to see. (A full list of services offered and pricing can be seen online at [www.mynfclinics.com](http://www.mynfclinics.com).)

And be assured, says Stafslieen, the quality of care is not diminished just because the prices are low. She has been working in family practice for 39 years and there is little she hasn't seen or treated.

The other two providers, who staff the clinic on a rotating basis, are Dr. Dean Whiteway, a board certified specialist in internal medicine with 37 years experience, and Dr. Jeff Menn, a pediatrician who trained in Cincinnati and Milwaukee Children's hospitals before becoming a partner at Hirsch Clinic in Viroqua.

Stafslieen is keen to the plight of a growing number of people who can't afford medical visits despite having health insurance. And while she says the clinic is a great resource for them, it's also an option for others.

"If you have a choice between a three-hour wait for a sore throat with your sick, crying child for \$300 to \$400 versus being treated in and out in 20 minutes for \$39, I think it's a no brainer," she said.

## Rash of burglaries reported

The Monroe County Sheriff's office has had several burglary reports in the Tomah, Warrens and Oakdale areas.

Investigators are following up on several leads but would like to warn area residents and advise them of their need to be vigilant.

Make sure to lock doors and windows, including vehicles.

In several cases the suspects entered cars and outbuildings and entered homes while the owners were sleeping.

Anyone with information on these burglaries is urged to contact the sheriff's department or call Crime Stoppers at 608-269-7867.

## Sparta Legion loses at home

by JOHN PAUL SCHALLER  
Sports Editor

Sparta struggled at the plate Thursday, managing to get just three hits in a 6-1 loss to Genoa-De Soto-Stoddard in American Legion baseball action at Sparta Memorial Park.

### Tomah Legion team loses to North Stars

A four-run seventh inning broke open a close game and lifted La Crosse to a 9-4 victory over the Timberwolves in American Legion baseball action at Tomah Friday night.

The North Stars opened up a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but Tomah answered with a three-run rally to take a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the frame.

Both teams scored solo runs in the second inning, allowing Tomah to maintain its two-run lead at 4-1.

After two scoreless frames, La Crosse pulled in front 5-4 with a three-run rally in the top of the fifth.

The North Stars added some insurance in the top of the seventh, scoring four runs to open up a 9-4 advantage, before holding the Timberwolves in check in the bottom of the frame to seal the win.

Travis VonHaden led Tomah at the plate with a double, while Josh Carlson added a single and two RBI and Mason Brandt, Matt Carlson and Dalton Prielipp each finished with a single for the Timberwolves.

Memorial Park.

The loss was the third straight for the Spartans, who opened their season with a 13-3 home victory over the La Crosse Raiders earlier this month.

Sparta jumped out to an early lead with a solo run in the bottom of the first.

Jaden Schmitz drew a lead-off walk and Noah Flock reached on an error one-out later to put Sparta runners on first and second.

A walk to Brandon Riley loaded the bases for the Spartans and Schmitz scored on Shawn Gasper's RBI ground out to put Sparta on top 1-0.

G-D-S tied the game at 1-1 with a solo run in the top of the second and took the lead for good with another run in the fourth.

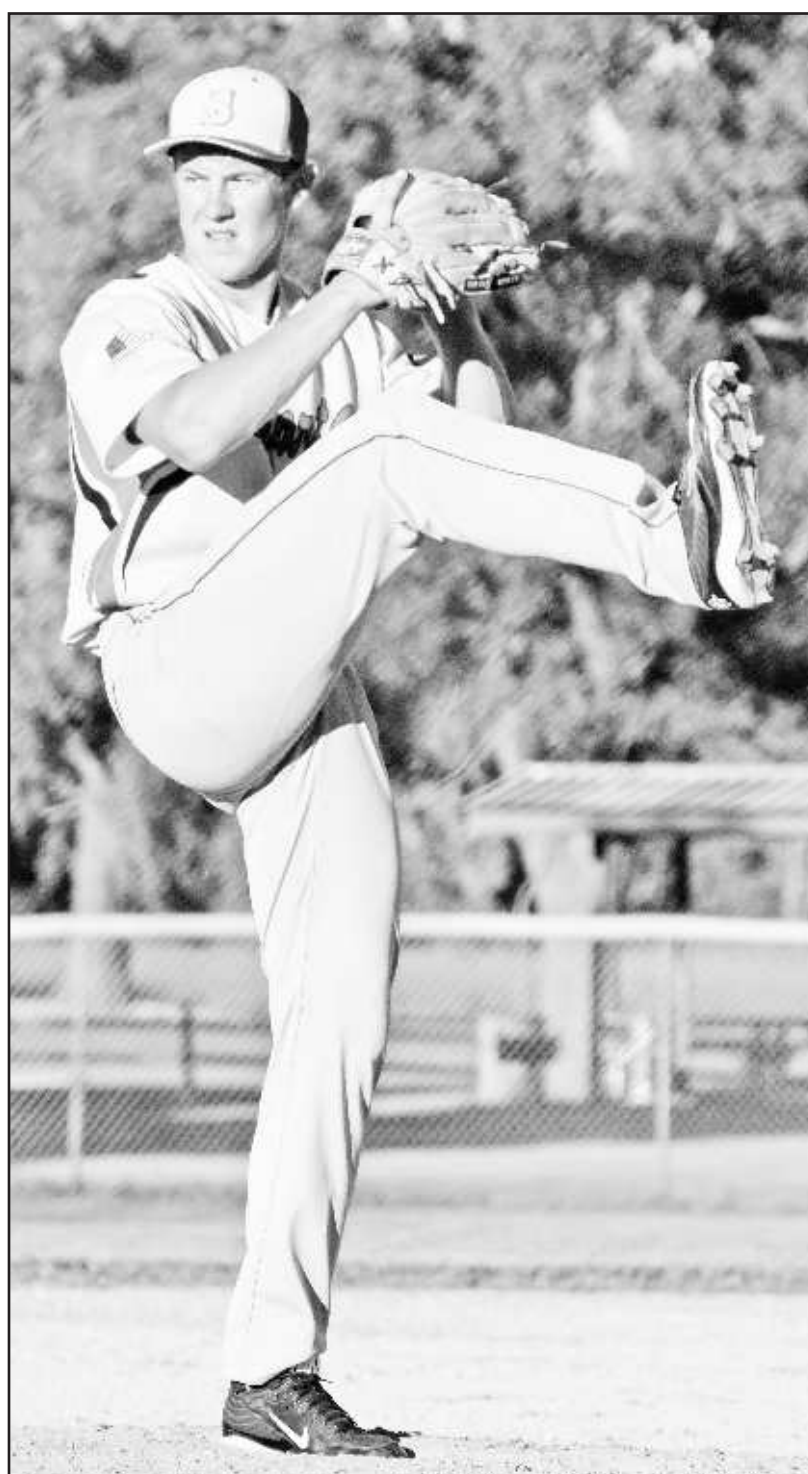
Sparta threatened to tie the score in the bottom of the fourth, when Matt Hampel drew a lead-off walk, stole second and advanced to third on a groundout, but the next two Spartans failed to produce at the plate, leaving G-D-S with a one-run lead.

Three runs in the top of the fifth and a solo run in the seventh allowed G-D-S to pull away for the win.

The Spartans had a 1 p.m. doubleheader scheduled at Tomah Saturday afternoon, but the game was postponed due to a lack of players and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Sparta fell to 1-3 with the loss.

The Spartan nine is back in action tonight (Monday), when they travel to La Crosse for a 6 p.m. game with the North Stars.



Sparta pitcher Jaden Schmitz winds up in the first inning of Thursday's American Legion baseball game at Sparta Memorial Park. The Sparta Legion team suffered a 6-1 loss to Genoa-De Soto-Stoddard. Photo by J.P. Schaller.

## Lady Spartans get doubleheader split

by JOHN PAUL SCHALLER  
Sports Editor

Despite struggling at the plate, Sparta was able to come away with a split in a summer softball league doubleheader at West Salem Wednesday night.

The Lady Spartans managed just four hits in two games, but capitalized on seven walks to score a 7-5 win in the nightcap after falling 5-4 to the Panthers in the opener.

### West Salem 5, Sparta 4

The Panthers scored the game-winner in the bottom of the seventh to score a narrow victory in the opener.

After two scoreless innings, Sparta opened up a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, when Nicole Schuster reached on a Panther error with two outs, advanced to second and scored on another West Salem miscue.

The Panthers answered in the bottom of the frame, knotting the score with the help of a Sparta error.

The Lady Spartans regained the lead with a pair of runs in the top of the fourth.

Rachel Hansen reached first on an error, moved to second on Morgan Habegger's sacrifice bunt and scored on a RBI double off the bat of Andie Julson, who also scored in the frame to give Sparta a 3-1 advantage.

West Salem forced another deadlock in the bottom of the fifth, scoring twice to tie the score at 3-3 with two innings remaining.

Sparta moved in front again, this time with a solo run in the

top of the sixth.

Habegger was safe on an effort and moved to second one out later on a walk to Julson, before scoring on the second error of the inning for the Panthers to give the Lady Spartans a 4-3 lead.

West Salem answered with a solo run in the bottom of the sixth to force a 4-4 tie, then pushed another run across in the bottom of the seventh to earn the win.

Julson led Sparta with a double and one RBI, while Skylar Nelson and Ally Cerda-Reyes each added a single.

### Sparta 7, West Salem 5

The Spartans managed just one hit, but used seven Panthers errors to outscore the Panthers in the nightcap.

West Salem scored a trio of runs in the top of the first to take an early lead, but Rorie Marx ripped an RBI double to fuel a two-run rally to pull the Lady Spartans within a run of the lead in the bottom of the frame.

After holding the Panthers in check in the top of the second, Sparta knotted the score at 3-3 with a solo run in the bottom of the inning.

West Salem regained the lead at 5-3 with a pair of runs in the top of the third.

The Lady Spartans rallied an inning later, scoring four runs with the aid of three walks, a hit batsman and a Panther error to pick up the win and earn the split.

Marx led the Lady Spartans with a double.

Sparta's record moved to 1-2 overall with the split.

## Coulee Region Legion baseball season hits high gear

*This year's Veterans Showcase slated for La Crescent, Holmen on June 30, July 1*

The fifth official Coulee Region American Legion Baseball League season is off and running, with 16 teams in the 2016 varsity divisions and 15 teams in this year's Junior Legion division.

A total of 16 teams will play in two varsity divisions.

The Jim Mason Division, named after the former longtime Viroqua coach and 1986 inductee to the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame who passed away in the fall of 2011, consists of eight teams, including Gays Mills (North Crawford HS players), Genoa-De Soto-Stoddard, La Crescent, the La Crosse North Stars (primarily Logan players), the La Crosse Raiders (primarily underclassmen from Central), Prairie du Chien, Westby/

Coon Valley and Viroqua.

The Don Halverson Division, named after the former longtime Black River Falls coach, will include Bi-State (Luther High School players), Cochrane-Fountain City, Black River Falls, Holmen, Onalaska, Sparta, Tomah and West Salem.

The league also features a Junior Legion Division of 15 teams. Each of the varsity teams listed above will also have Junior Legion teams, other than Black River Falls, Bi-State, Cochrane-Fountain City, Gays Mills and Genoa-De Soto-Stoddard.

Arcadia, Cashton, Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau and the La Crosse A's (primarily Aquinas underclassmen) will play in the Junior Legion division only.

All league games, including crossover

games, count in the league standings.

Westby/Coon Valley won the 2015 Mason Division championship.

The La Crosse North Stars and Westby tied for the 2014 Mason Division championship after La Crescent and Westby tied for it in 2013 and Westby won it by itself in 2012.

West Salem and Onalaska tied for the 2015 Halverson Division championship.

Sparta was the 2014 Halverson Division champion after Black River Falls won it in 2013 and Holmen won it in 2012. The defending Junior Legion divisional champions are Onalaska in the Chuck Hockenbery Division - named after the former longtime Onalaska coach and former California Angels pitcher - and Westby/Coon Valley in the Ken Trott Division - named

after the former longtime Westby coach and WBCA HOF inductee.

Teams were welcome to add a second game to their scheduled league dates to create a doubleheader.

If a second game is being played, only the first game of the two will count in the league standings.

The Veterans Showcase will be back for a third year on June 30 and July 1.

The Mason Division games will be played in La Crescent June 30, while Halverson division games will be played in Holmen on July 1.

All proceeds from both sites will be donated toward veterans causes.

Donations to veterans over the past two seasons have totaled more than \$3,000.

The Showcase was an idea of Tomah

field manager Aaron Steffel.

There will not be a formal admission charge at the Veterans Day games, however, a free-will collection will be taken at each game.

The Veterans Day schedule is as follows:

At La Crescent Thursday June 30 - Noon - La Crosse Raiders vs. La Crosse North Stars; 2:30 p.m. - Genoa-De Soto-Stoddard vs. North Crawford; 5 p.m. - Westby vs. Prairie du Chien; and 7:30 p.m. - Viroqua vs. La Crescent.

At Holmen Friday July 1 - 9:30 a.m. - Cochrane-Fountain City vs. Bi-State; Noon - Sparta vs. Tomah; 2:30 p.m. - West Salem vs. Black River Falls; 5 p.m. - Onalaska vs. Holmen.

## Sparta Miller baseball team captures four of five



Sparta Miller first baseman Dustin Warner (33) waits for a pick-off throw from pitcher Jameson Sadowske as a Norwalk runner heads back to first base during Wednesday's Mississippi Valley League baseball game at Sparta Memorial Park. Miller pounded out 19 hits en route to a 13-4 victory over the Knights. Photo by J.P. Schaller.

by JOHN PAUL SCHALLER  
Sports Editor

The Sparta Miller baseball machine continued on its early-season roll recently, winning four of five games.

Sparta opened with a lopsided Mississippi Valley League victory over Bangor on June 8 and followed with a twinbill sweep in non-league action at Menasha June 11.

Miller suffered its first league loss at Chaseburg-Coon Valley a day later, but got back on the winning track with an easy MVL victory over Norwalk at home Wednesday night.

### Sparta 16, Bangor 5

Miller used four extra-base hits - two homers and two doubles - to roll over the Redbirds in a league match-up at Bangor. Nolan Ritter's round-tripper and Jay Voter's double fueled a five-run rally in the fifth to give Sparta a 7-4 advantage.

Mitch Voter added a home run in the seventh, as Miller scored seven runs to open up a 14-5 cushion and cruised to the win.

### Sparta 8, Menasha 1

Mitch Voter homered for the second straight game and Ethan Eckelberg held Menasha to just two hits to lead Miller to a victory in the first game of a non-league twinbill.

Sparta scored three runs in the top of the first, two more in the third and added three insurance runs in the sixth to pull away with the road win in the opener.

Mitch Voter finished with a home run,

a double and three RBI to lead Miller at the plate, while Joel Zyhowski was 4-for-4 with a triple.

### Sparta 4, Menasha 0

Luke Crimmins and Mitch Voter combined to hold Menasha without a hit in the nightcap to help Miller earn the sweep.

Voter added two doubles and a single to lead Sparta at the plate, while teammate Nick Barnes finished with three singles.

### Sparta 2, C-CV 3

Chaseburg-Coon Valley erased a one-run deficit with a three-run rally in the bottom of the sixth to hand Miller its first MVL loss of the season.

Sparta scored a solo run in the top of the third to open up a 1-0 lead, before cutting the lead to 3-2 with another run in the top of the eighth.

Chaseburg-Coon Valley held on in the ninth, however, to seal the narrow victory.

### Sparta 14, Norwalk 3

Zyhowski led a 19-hit attack, as Miller got back on the winning track with a lopsided victory over Norwalk.

Zyhowski ripped three singles and a triple and drove in three runs to fuel Sparta at the plate.

Jameson Sadowske held the Knights to just two hits in five innings of work to earn the victory on the mound for Miller.

Sparta moved to 4-1 in MVL action and 12-2 overall.

Miller is back in action Friday, when they host the Eau Claire Cavaliers in a 7:30 p.m. non-league game at Sparta Memorial Park.



Four members of the Lady Spartan soccer team earned all-Mississippi Valley Conference honors recently. From left - Madi Blaha, honorable mention; Genna Sullivan, sportsmanship squad; Alexcie Pieper, honorable mention; and Aly Laufenberg, first team. Contributed photo

# Six Tomah strikers on all-MVC squad

Jamie Gaarder earns first-team honors for third straight season

by JOHN PAUL SCHALLER  
Sports Editor

Jamie Gaarder led a contingent of six Lady Timberwolf strikers who were recognized by the Mississippi Valley Conference with post-season honors recently.

Gaarder was named to the all-MVC first team in soccer for the third straight season.

The senior forward scored 34 goals and seven assists for the Lady Timberwolves this season, increasing her career totals to 74 goals and 20 assists.

Senior teammates Ashley Kemp and Kayla Gille each earned a spot on the all-conference second team, while sophomores Brooke Brown and Lindsey Conway were selected to the honorable mention team.

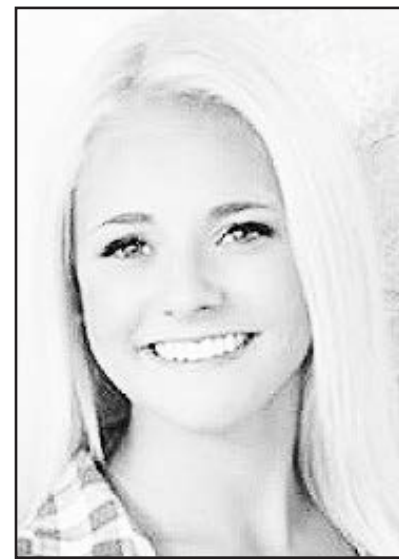
In addition, senior goaltender Autumn Adler landed a spot on the MVC's sportsmanship squad.

Players joining Gaarder on the all-MVC first team include Aly Laufenberg of Sparta, Mikaela Schlesinger, Nora Reuteman and Meghan Mazzola of Aquinas, Brianna Cochlin and Kaley Manglitz of Onalaska, Leah Kerkman and Mackenzie Steinfeldt of Holmen, Olivia Severson of Logan and Hannah Kirchner of Central.

In addition to Kemp and Gille, strikers earning a spot on the all-MVC second team are Kate Balder and Mara Goede of Holmen, Pery Wied and Josephine Borene of Onalaska, Maeve Miller and Sadie Paulino of La Crosse Aquinas, Alex Bruley and Kate Heise of Central and Claire Curtis of Logan.

Strikers joining Brown and Conway on the all-conference honorable mention team include Madi Blaha and Alexcie Pieper of Sparta, Christine Luce and Maddy Goethel of Onalaska, Megan Hansen and Sydney Ion of Aquinas, Maura Anderson and Ahnna Schini of Central, Rachel Steingart and Maya Hey of Logan and Madeline Bradshaw and Taylor Treadway of Holmen.

In addition to Adler, players on the MVC's sportsmanship squad are Genna Sullivan of Sparta,



JAMIE GAARDER

Erin Ericson of Onalaska, Becky Pulvermacher of Aquinas, Amanda DeBoer of Central, Abigail Olson of Logan and Anna Garbers of Holmen.

After opening its 2016 MVC season with back-to-back losses, Tomah righted the ship and won six of its last 10 league matches to finish at .500 with a 6-6 record.

The Lady Timberwolves turned it up a notch in the post-season, scoring two straight road wins over MVC opponents to capture their third Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 2 regional championship in as many seasons.

Tomah edged Central 1-0 in the regional opener and scored a 3-2 come-from-behind win at Onalaska to advance to the Division 2 sectional, where the Lady Timberwolf strikers suffered a 3-0 loss to River Falls.

Aquinas sophomore Nora Reuteman was named 2016 MVC Player of the Year, while James Lockley of Aquinas earned Coach of the Year honors.

Aquinas finished its 2016 MVC slate with a perfect 12-0 record to capture the championship, while Onalaska finished runner-up at 8-3-1 and Holmen landed in third with a 6-5-1 record.

Fourth place went to Tomah at 6-6, followed by Central in fifth at 5-5-2, Sparta in sixth at 2-9-1 and Logan with an 0-11-1 record in seventh.

# Sparta lands four on all-MVC soccer team

Laufenberg, Blaha, Pieper, Sullivan earn post-season recognition

by JOHN PAUL SCHALLER  
Sports Editor

Four members of the Sparta High School girls soccer team have been recognized by the Mississippi Valley Conference

Junior forward Aly Laufenberg led the way for the Lady Spartans, earning a spot on the all-MVC first team for the second season in a row.

Senior midfielder Madi Blaha and sophomore defender Alexcie Pieper each landed a spot on the all-conference honorable mention team, while senior midfielder/defender Genna Sullivan was named to the MVC's sportsmanship squad.

Players joining Laufenberg on the all-MVC first team include Jamie Gaarder of Tomah, Mikaela Schlesinger, Nora Reuteman and Meghan Mazzola of La Crosse Aquinas, Brianna Cochlin and Kaley Manglitz of Onalaska, Leah Kerkman and Mackenzie Steinfeldt of Holmen, Olivia Severson of La Crosse Logan and Hannah Kirchner of La

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In addition to Sullivan, players on the MVC's sportsmanship squad are Autumn Adler of Tomah, Erin Ericson of Onalaska, Becky Pulvermacher of Aquinas, Amanda DeBoer of Central, Abigail Olson of Logan and Anna Garbers of Holmen.

The Lady Spartans had an up and down

season, but managed to pick up a big post-season win to open the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 2 regional.

Laufenberg scored a pair of goals and added an assist to lead Sparta to a 4-0 regional victory over Dodgeville-Mineral Point in the playoff opener, before the Lady Spartans bowed out of the post-season with a 7-0 loss at West Salem.

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# The fascinating life cycle of cicadas

I could hear murmured gasps of surprise and appreciation as the Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer students stepped out of the car caravan and into the Moquah Barrens. Rolling hills carpeted in grass and punctuated by pines stretched as far as the eye could see. Vistas aren't common in Wisconsin - our Northwoods landscape is dominated by dense trees. In contrast, the deep sand deposits left by glaciers on the Bayfield Peninsula provide the substrate for a grassland ecosystem reminiscent of the Serengeti.

Matt Bushman, the botanist on the Superior National Forest, gathered the group around to start talking about plants. As he held up sand cherry, smooth aster, and Pennsylvania sedge, the heavy clouds parted and a tentative sunshine brightened across the savannah. As the light strengthened, a high buzzing became noticeable and then intensified. The crescendo was so perfectly synchronized that it seemed as if the sunshine itself came with sound effects.

From behind my head I heard one particularly loud buzz. Not really expecting to see the source, I nonetheless peeked over my shoulder. To my surprise, I easily spotted the noisy cicada as it perched in a small jack pine tree.

Cicadas are true bugs with wide-set eyes, short antennae, and big, clear front wings. They make noise not by rubbing together hind leg and forewing as in grasshoppers and crickets, but by rapidly vibrating a portion of their exoskeleton. The drum-like tymbals are a pair of corrugated membranes on the sides of the cicada's abdomen. As the tymbals vibrate, the male cicada's hollow abdomen acts as a resonance chamber and amplifies the sound.

Before long the sun disappeared



## NATURAL CONNECTIONS

by EMILY M. STONE  
Naturalist & Education  
Director at Cable  
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above a passing downpour. We jumped into vehicles and bounced along a sandy road to our next site. The rain abated quickly as we gathered to admire a fresh burn. Just this spring the Forest Service had ignited a prescribed fire in this management block. The ground was still inky black with soot and charcoal, but already the bracken ferns had erupted in a neon green ruff across the hills.

Sunlight and buzzing filled the air. The class hoofed it uphill, picking their way through the shin-high forest of bracken. Something caught my eye against the black ground. A large, adult cicada crouched silently. Its huge,

clear wings folded neatly over its dark back like a clear plastic poncho. Through the membranes I could see delicate orange bands on its abdomen, orange legs, and more orange markings behind its head. Wide-set, dark eyes fronted its alien head.

Nearby, still clinging to a charred stick, I found an empty shell. This wasn't the body of a dead cicada, rather it was the discarded exoskeleton of a young cicada who had emerged and flown off as an adult. The exuviae, as scientists call them, were everywhere: tumbled on the ground, hooked to vegetation, blown into small drifts against the base of stumps.

As I looked down I began to see their tunnels, too - inky black, round holes as if we'd all just poked our fingers in the soil.

Cicadas have a fascinating life cycle. After seeking out a loud male and mating, the female cicada slices open a twig and lays her eggs. Upon hatching, the nymphs drop to the ground and use their strong front legs to burrow in. The nymphs will spend most of their lives about eight feet down, sucking up the sap of plants.

The number of years that a cicada nymph spends underground varies by species. Most types reach adulthood in two to five years. The most famous cicadas, though, are the 13-year and 17-year periodical cicadas of eastern North America. They emerge all at once in tremendous numbers. Their genus, appropriately, is *Magicicada*.

Magic indeed. Eyes on the ground, we soon found our own enchanted fairy. Perched on the empty exuviae - which was still hooked to a stick by tiny claws - sat a cross between a pixie and an alien. Huge, clear wings were threaded with glowing white



Once a cicada nymph crawls out of its hole, it climbs partway up a nearby plant, splits its exoskeleton between the shoulders, back-dives free, and then slowly hardens off and darkens in color. Photo by Emily Stone.

veins. The plump, seafoam green body was etched with pale yellow and orange highlights. Staring straight at us were a pair of false eyes, with the vertical pupils of a cat.

Once a cicada nymph crawls out of its hole, it climbs partway up a nearby plant, splits its exoskeleton between the shoulders, back-dives free, and then slowly hardens off and darkens in color.

With shouts of excitement, we discovered a cicada in mid-back dive, its wings still folded like baby leaves.

Magic as these were, they weren't the 17-year cicadas.

Those adults have red-orange eyes. A quick internet search brought up the tentative identification of *Okanagana balli*, the Short-Grass Prairie Cicada. (A species with a shorter life cycle.)

More raindrops finally snapped us out of the cicada's enchantment. As we stood up to stretch cramping legs and crooked backs, the vivid green hills and shrouding mists of the Moquah Barrens renewed our sense of awe. Master Naturalist students study everything from landscape-scale geology to the ephemeral lives of insects in their week-long course. The breadth

of topics can be exhausting, but some words from a friend seem to create enough space in my heart for them all. He said, "The world is beautiful at all scales."

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**EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT:** The Sparta Area School District is seeking candidates for Educational Assistant to work with 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade Montessori students. 7:30-11:30 school year only. \$13.99/hr. Submit letter of interest, district application, transcripts of post-high school education, resume and two letters of recommendation to Patrick Olbert, Principal at Sparta Montessori Schools. The mailing address is 711 Pine Street, Sparta, WI 54656. Applications must be postmarked by **Thursday, June 23, 2016**. May also apply via WECAN. 6-20-1tp



**K9 Donation**

During Butterfest weekend, the Matthew Bollig family held a pancake breakfast with the proceeds going to the Monroe County K9 Unit. They presented a \$360 check to Monroe County Sheriff Scott Perkins. Pictured, from left, front row: Victor, Autumn, Vicki and Nathaniel Bollig. Back row: Sheriff Scott Perkins, Matthew Bollig III, Winter Bollig and Matthew Bollig.

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**8 Help Wanted**

**Production Positions Sparta Division**

Hours of operation have changed to a **Monday - Friday:** 1st shift 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 2nd shift 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. We are accepting applications for production positions all shifts. Automatic wage increase after 60 working days. Shift premium paid for second shift. Benefits include paid vacation, paid holidays, health, dental, sickness & accident coverage and 401(k) savings program with Company matching contribution.

Apply in person at the Sparta Division of Northern Engraving Corporation, 803 S. Black River St., Sparta, Wisconsin.

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**Notice of Vacancy and Examination for Correctional Officer**

**Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center Job Announcement Code 1601541**

Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC), Department of Health Services (DHS), in Mauston, WI, is currently recruiting to fill multiple Correctional Officer vacancies. Persons hired for these positions will begin employment with our next training academy scheduled to begin in September of 2016.

Under the general supervision of the Supervising Officer, and/or direction of a Correctional Sergeant, this position is responsible for the security, control and treatment of patients at Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC), supervising patients in work, housing unit and activity situations; escorting patient off grounds as required; patrolling buildings and grounds; monitoring visitation; providing a therapeutic environment for patients; maintain record keeping systems; and performing other related work as required. SRSTC is a 500-bed treatment facility for individuals civilly committed under Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 980.

**SALARY:** The starting salary is \$15.20 per hour, plus excellent benefits.

Please visit the State of Wisconsin website at [www.wiscjobs.com](http://www.wiscjobs.com) and refer to Job Announcement Code 1601541. Follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section. **The deadline to apply is June 27, 2016.** You may also contact your local Job Center of Wisconsin for assistance in applying for this position.

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**COMBINING HOUSEHOLDS SALE:** 308 Austin St. Dishes, pots and pans, bakeware, pictures, many picture frames, vintage china from Poland, recliner, flat screen TV's, TV stands, lamps, 3 sewing machines, 7.0 cu. Ft. chest freezer, pontoon boat cover, night stand, round oak side table, bookcase, many tools, drill press, GPS, 3 bluetooth headsets, Sirius radio, men's and women's clothes and shoes, blankets, books, toys, DVD's, Christmas decorations, pull behind Craftsman 2 wheel utility cart and many other items. For semi-drivers, deer guard, tire chains, load locks & inverters. Selling one whole household of items. This is a must see sale. Friday, June 24 from 8-5 and Saturday, June 25, from 8-1, **ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY CALLERS.** 6-20-2tp

**RUMMAGE SALE:** 500 South K St. Sparta. Fri. June 24, 8-5 and Sat. June 25, 8-4. Toddler clothes size 0-5T, adult clothes, Nascar t-shirts, shoes, Christmas decorations, apple decorations and other decorations. Meat grinder, stroller, playpen, car seats, toddler toys, 2 kids bikes, booster seat, potty chairs, books, toys. 6-20-2tp

**GROUP RUMMAGE SALE:** Saturday, June 25, 8:30-3:30, Sparta Memorial Park Shelter #5. 3 door medicine cabinet, hose reel on wheels, luggage, sleeping bags, bird feeders, dehumidifier, desk chair, motion lights, vanity strip light, TV stand, laptop, canning jars, zinc lids, locking display case, electric typewriter, digital bathroom scale, Nike football cleats, bedding, Christmas Corolle dishes, kitchen & household items, home decor, lots of men's and women's clothing and much misc. 6-20-2tp

**8 Help Wanted**

**SPARTA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT - 8 POSITIONS:** The Sparta Area School District is seeking candidates for 5 custodial positions, an educational assistant position and 2 secretarial positions. Please see the district website for more detailed information at <http://www.spartan.org/parents-and-community/employment/> 6-20-1tc

**DRIVERS WANTED:** Drivers wanted for local Midwest area. Flatbeds and stepdecks. Competitive wages and home weekends. 2 yrs. min. experience with good driving record. Call 608-269-2240. 6-20-3tp

**OFFICE MANAGER-Sparta Veterinary Clinic, LLC:** The Sparta Veterinary Clinic is seeking a friendly and motivated individual to assist in the management of a large veterinary practice. This is a part-time position. Responsibilities include bookkeeping, inventory management, and billing. The Office Manager will assist with tasks to help operate and maintain an efficient, friendly and profitable large animal veterinary practice. If you have bookkeeping skills and a willingness to learn, please send a cover letter and resume to J.M. Wells, 22765 Kasota Road, Sparta, WI 54656. For further inquiry contact (recruiter) at 608-633-0716. 6-20-1tc

**BARTENDER, COOK AND SERVERS:** Now hiring, FT bartender, FT cook, and PT servers. Looking for outgoing and energetic people to join our staff. Applicants must be 18 years of age and able to work a variety of shifts including nights and weekends. We offer competitive wages, year-end profit sharing and employee discounts. Positions to start immediately. Interested applicants should apply in person at 'The Hitchin' Post Sports Bar & Grill, 412 Main Street, Wilton, WI. 6-20-1tp

**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT - OWI COURT CASE MANAGER:** Monroe County, full-time, assists those involved with the Justice Department testing programs. Position will be responsible for maintaining accurate testing records and compliance with monitoring programs. Qualifications: Prefer bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, criminal justice or closely related field. Prefer AODA certification or related field experience. Minimum of two years of case management and AODA experience or equivalent combination of education and experience from which comparable knowledge and abilities can be acquired. Hiring range: \$17.43/hr. - \$19.17/hr. based on experience, plus exceptional benefits. County application required, obtain from the Personnel Office, 14345 Co. Hwy B, Sparta, 608-269-8719, **must be returned or postmarked by Wednesday, June 30, 2016.** AA/EOE Application also available at: <http://www.co.monroe.wi.us/departments/personnel>. 6-20-1tc

**BARTENDER:** Looking for bartender with experience. Complete application at Foxhole Pub. Part-time. 5-9-1tc

**DRIVERS WANTED:** Full and part time petroleum tank driver. Must have current DOT PHYSICAL, Class A CDL with HAZMAT & TANKER, minimum age 23 with excellent driving record. Phone Tomah, 608-374-2134. 4-18-1tc

**HIRING:** Now hiring at Sparta Taco Bell. With experience, starting pay \$9.00 and above. Apply at: [work4gwhi.com](http://work4gwhi.com). 5-26-1tc

**FARM HELP WANTED:** For hire: 2 individuals to milk 100 cows, two times a day. Housing options. 608-486-4215 6-20-1tp

**CUSTOMER SERVICE:** Now hiring: Customer service to work 1<sup>st</sup> shift, full and part time. Apply at Mobil Station, 810 W Wisconsin St., Sparta, WI 6-20-1tc

**11 Services**

**STEAM-A-WAY Cleaning Co.:** Carpet and upholstery. Smoke and water restoration, air duct cleaning. Satisfaction is guaranteed. For a free estimate, website: [steamawaycleaning.com](http://steamawaycleaning.com), or call (608)372-6684 or (608)269-7949 or 1-800-278-6090. 4-8-1tc

**Scenic Bluffs reaches Silver Level Achievement: First in nation**

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) recognized Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers for its Advocacy efforts recently. Scenic Bluffs is the first Health Center in the nation to reach the Silver Level of Achievement for the Advocacy Center of Excellence (ACE) Program. Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers will be featured on the NACHC website and highlighted in its upcoming blog.

There are numerous key elements that a Health Center must meet to achieve, as well as maintain, this status level. This is based on a Health Center's level of advocacy success and on-going commitment to prioritizing advocacy. ACE Health Centers are not only actively engaged and involved with NACHC and federal policy issues, but also with state-level policy issues that directly impact Health Centers.

The ACE program has three levels of achievement: bronze, silver and gold. Although this achievement level is valid through June 2018, Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers are striving to reach Gold Status. Marina Abt, the Advocacy Leader at Scenic Bluffs, ensures the Health Center is well on its way to reaching Gold Status.

Abt, who has a master's degree in advocacy through NACHC, is actively involved in state advocacy activities and has established staff and board trainings for Scenic Bluffs. Through Abt's efforts, 94 percent of Scenic Bluffs staff members are Health Center Advocates, which is the highest percentage of staff participation across Health Centers in Wisconsin. In addition, Scenic Bluffs has 100 percent advocacy support from its Board of Directors, and is guided under the leadership of Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association.

Currently, there are 18 Community Health Centers located in Wisconsin and approximately 1,300 Community Health Centers nationally. Statistics show that Community Health Centers offer high quality primary care at cost-efficient rates, in addition to bringing jobs, revenue, and wellness programs to the communities they occupy.

For more information on Community Health Centers and the ACE program, visit <http://nachc.org/>, or read the upcoming blog on Scenic Bluffs at <http://www.chcs.org/blog/>. More information on Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers can be found on its website at [www.scenicbluffs.org](http://www.scenicbluffs.org).

**Legal Notices**

June 6, 13, 20  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY Amended Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 16 PR 16**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BURTON WILSON DOD: 12/25/2015

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth February 11, 1925 and date of death December 25, 2015, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 729 Wellington Street, Sparta, WI 54656.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is Sept. 9, 2016.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 301.  
Diane Berendes  
Probate Registrar  
May 31, 2016

Joshua D. Shudlick  
Shudlick Law Office LLC  
P.O. Box 586  
Tomah, WI 54660  
608-372-4104  
Bar Number 1084905

June 20, 27, July 5  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY Case No. 15 CV 137**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
U.S. ROF III Legal Title Trust 2015-1, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Legal Title Trustee Plaintiff

vs.  
MARY C. MOODEY, et al.  
Defendant(s)

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on January 11, 2016 in the amount \$180,560.83 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: July 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.  
TERMS: By bidding at the sheriff sale, prospective buyer is consenting to be bound by the following terms: 1.) 10% down in cash or money order at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff. 2.) Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances. 3.) Plaintiff opens bidding on the property, either in person or via fax and as recited by the sheriff department in the event that no opening bid is offered, plaintiff retains the right to request the sale be declared as invalid as the sale is fatally defective.  
PLACE: In the main lobby of the Monroe County Courthouse located at 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, Wisconsin.  
DESCRIPTION: Lot Five (5), Block Two (2), Cady's Subdivision, City of Tomah, Monroe County, Wisconsin. \*Subject to Utility Easement Granted to Wisconsin Telephone Company recorded in Volume 34 Misc., Page 169 as Document No. 247488.  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 519 Hollister Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660  
TAX KEY NO.: 286-00503-0000  
Dated this 29th day of April, 2016.  
Sheriff Scott Perkins  
Monroe County Sheriff

**Jordan C. Staleos**  
J Peterman Legal Group Ltd.  
State Bar No. **1085629**  
165 Bishops Way, Suite 100  
Brookfield, WI 53005  
262-790-5719

Please go to [www.jpetermanlegalgroup.com](http://www.jpetermanlegalgroup.com) to obtain the bid for this sale.

J Peterman Legal Group Ltd. is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

June 20, 23  
**SPARTAN STORAGE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OR DEPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

Items to be sold at a public auction: OR sold outright: OR disposed of after 14 days.

Unit U-23; Owes \$333.38; Contents of Heather Arnold: 2 bikes with training wheels, small boys bike, charcoal grill, bed, small Foosball table, window AC, 4 mattresses, air hockey table, clothes, stuffed animals, Christmas decorations, blankets, chairs, kids 3 wheel stroller, toys, bed frame, and other miscellaneous items.

Unit EC-5; Owes \$140.00; Contents of Bridgette Pruitt: Shelving, 2 pairs of roller blades, clothes, desk, lamps, microwave, and other miscellaneous items.

Unit S-6; Owes \$150.00; Contents of Andrea Shield: Three flat screen TVs, Gucci shoes, end tables, microwave, photos, stuffed animals, toiletries, storage containers, suitcase and other miscellaneous items.

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**Sparta City Council Minutes**

**CITY OF SPARTA SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES May 4, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Button, Norm Stanek, Kevin Brueggeman, Kevin Riley, Josh Lydon, Alli Karrels, Mary VonRuden, Jim Church, Ed Lukasek.  
ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sund, Todd Fahning, Dick Heitman, Dave Kuderer, Brad Gilbertson, Mark Flock, Lynn Jerome.  
Mayor Button called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
Roll Call was done by the Clerk.

**RESOLUTIONS**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY (408 Osborne Drive)**

Kevin Riley read the Resolution the first and second time. Norm Stanek moved to read the Resolution third time by title only, rules be suspended and placed before the Council for immediate action, seconded by Alli Karrels. Motion passed 8-0. Mayor Button read the Resolution the third time by title only and the Resolution was approved on a roll call vote 8-0.

There were no items mentioned for future consideration.  
We will not be coming back into open session after we adjourn from the closed session.

A motion was made by Norm Stanek and seconded by Ed Lukasek to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. to go into Closed Session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Motion carried 8-0.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Hanson  
City Clerk

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**Sparta School Board Minutes**

**SPARTA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Sparta, WI 54656 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes June 14, 2016 Administrative & Educational Center**

Board Present: Mrs. Joan Cook, Mr. Lee Culpitt, Mr. Gary Kirking, Mr. James Rasmussen, Ms. Bambi Schmitz, Ms. Mary Treu, and Ms. Karen Wall.

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by president, Mr. Culpitt. The meeting had been noticed to Monroe County Publishers, WCOW Radio, Magnum Radio, La Crosse Tribune, Sparta City Hall and Sparta Free Library. A motion was made by Ms. Treu, seconded by Ms. Schmitz, to adopt the agenda. The meeting will recess prior to the executive session and resume following the Personnel and Educational Initiatives Committee Meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

Discussion took place concerning expending excess OPEB funds. Two options were presented for a one time contribution to a TSA for eligible employees with 10 years experience or more and an option of a longevity bonus was considered. A contribution to a TSA over 3 years would result in vesting issues and small annual contributions for some staff. Mr. Culpitt, Mrs. Cook and Ms. Treu did not participate in the discussion. A motion was made by Ms. Wall, seconded by Ms. Schmitz, to approve Option A as a one time contribution as presented. Roll call vote: Mrs. Cook-abstain, Mr. Culpitt-abstain, Mr. Kirking-aye, Mr. Rasmussen-no, Ms. Schmitz-aye, Ms. Treu-abstain, and Ms. Wall-aye. Motion carried, 3-1, 3 abstain.

A motion was made by Ms. Wall, seconded by Mrs. Cook, to approve the proposal from Mathy Construction Company for the Maplewood parking lot project in the amount of \$177,800.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Motion carried, 7-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Wall, seconded by Ms. Schmitz, to approve the employment issues as presented except for Eric Follendorf - Youth Apprentice Coordination position. Roll call vote: Motion carried, 7-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Treu, seconded by Mrs. Cook to approve the Course Option Requests as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirking, seconded by Ms. Wall, to approve the purchase of a forklift from Hodge Material Handling and Forklift Service in the amount of \$21,705.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Rasmussen called for reconsideration of the action to expend excess OPEB funds. Mr. Rasmussen voted against the original motion so was therefore unable to call for reconsideration. He questioned whether the motion actually passed since the vote cast was 3 aye, 1 nay and 3 abstain. Legal counsel will be sought.

At 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Kirking, seconded by Ms. Schmitz to recess this meeting until after the Personnel and Educational Initiatives Committee meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

This meeting was called back into session at 9:15 p.m. by president, Mr. Culpitt.  
A motion was made by Ms. Wall, seconded by Ms. Schmitz to move to executive session to discuss employee exit surveys as per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion carried, 7-0.  
At 10:25 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Wall, seconded by Mrs. Cook, to return to open session and adjourn. Motion carried, 7-0. No action was taken during executive session.

Secretary Pro Tem  
Connie Baumbach

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Rockland honored a pair of its own who lost their life in World War II at the village's Park Progress Day celebration Saturday afternoon. A ceremony honoring Alert Dengel and Blaine Hesselberg was held at the Veterans memorial in Gaylord Park. Above - Cub Scouts from Pack 46 and a Boy Scout from Troop 46 salute during the singing of a memorial song at the event. Below - American Legion member John Hammes of Bangor sounds taps on the bugle during the ceremony. Photos by J.P. Schaller.

## Rockland honors fallen sons at Park Progress Day

by JOHN PAUL SCHALLER  
Staff Writer

Rockland took some time out from its annual Park Progress Day Saturday afternoon to honor a pair of its own killed in action during World War II.

The Saturday afternoon ceremony, which took place at the village's Veterans Memorial in Gaylord Park, honored native sons Alert Dengel and Blaine Hesselberg.

Dengel was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge on Dec. 24, 1944, while Hesselberg died at Iwo Jima on Feb. 22, 1945.

Both were Purple Heart recipients.

VFW member Paul Wuensch conducted the ceremony, which includes comments from family members in attendance.

While Dengel was a Rockland native, he has ties to the Sparta area as well.

He was the uncle of Sparta businessman and longtime community volunteer Doug Dengel.

Doug Dengel was grateful the small village in eastern La Crosse County took time out to remember the fallen soldiers.

He pointed out that Saturday wasn't the first time Rockland

honored his uncle and Hesselberg.

In April 1945, the local Boy Scout troop planted a pair of pine trees in front of the village's elementary school in honor of Dengel and Hesselberg.

One of those trees still stands today.

"This community has really recognized its warriors - those who have given the ultimate sacrifice," offered Dengel.

My uncle Al made a difference, like all of the brave men and women of our various military services have done," he

continued. "This honor that you give him today is not just for him. If he were here today, he would tell us that it is for all those brave men and women who have served our country and, of course, those who have served and given the ultimate sacrifice for this country to give us our freedoms that we have today."

The ceremony also included a salute from the area VFW and American Legion color guard and the sounding of taps.

A plaque honoring Dengel and Hesselberg will be placed at the Veterans Memorial.

## Vernon County Dems to hold public discussion

The Vernon County Democratic Party will hold a discussion, open to the public, on Tuesday, June 28, following up on Blue Jean Nation founder Mike McCabe's recent talk in Viroqua.

The current state of politics in America presents "challenge and a wonderful opportunity to give housing to the politically homeless," said McCabe, author of Blue Jeans in High Places: The Coming Makeover of American Politics, during his June 11 talk at the party's headquarters in the historic Hotel Fortney.

The country faces conditions

identical to other times in America's history, when the major political parties were forced to change because people felt alienated from them, he said, advising the party to clearly state its core values. "Necessary changes in American politics take time but no time is better than now."

The discussion, at 6:30 p.m. at party headquarters, 100 N. Main St., Viroqua., will focus on core values and steps citizens can take to "get back in the driver's seat of our government."

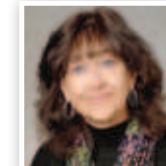
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